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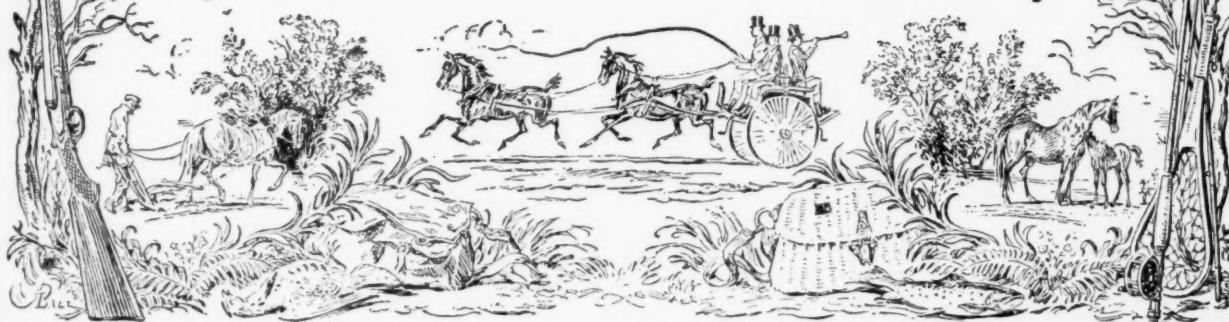
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FIELD HUNTER TRAINING

Much has been written in The Chronicle during recent months about the training of hunters and jumpers. The articles have been principally concerned with teaching horses to jump—certainly a very necessary accomplishment. At the same time it should be realized that galloping and jumping constitute a relatively small proportion of the lessons which a really accomplished hunter has to learn, that at least 75% of his education has nothing to do with fences.

If a horse is to be a pleasant and safe conveyance across country he must first get used to all sorts of strange sights, smells and noises. He must neither be frightened or shy at the sight of road scrapers, threshing machines, flapping laundry, chickens that fly up under his nose or newspapers at the side of the road. He must not mind the smell of pigs or goats or pole cats or the sound of train whistles, automobile horns, guns or backfires.

He must learn to negotiate streams, boggy places and steep banks, to keep on his feet crossing tarred and cement roads, frozen ground, ice and snow. He must avoid holes, rocks, stumps and briars and be able to gallop through woodland keeping far enough from trees so that his rider's knees will never touch them. If caught in wire or grape vines he should stand quietly until released.

He should learn to stand still when being mounted, at checks, and when his rider falls off and calls "whoa"—very useful if this happens in the middle of a run. He must be able to back out of the way when hounds and huntsman come down a ride in which the members of the field are gathered. He must learn to accept crowding from other horses and not kick. He should stand quietly beside a gate so that it can be opened and closed, beside a fence so that the top rail can be lowered and replaced. A place which would otherwise be dangerous can often be negotiated if he will lead over it. Of course he should be able to stop quickly in the face of danger and wait his turn at a fence. He should not be herd bound, but be willing to leave the other horses of the field if his rider has to pull out early. And in these days of vans and trailers he should be a good loader and shipper.

All these accomplishments have nothing to do with jumping. In addition to the obstacles customarily discussed in articles and textbooks there are those characteristic of each particular country and to which a horse from another section must become accustomed—banks, stone walls, timber, wire, unfordable streams and the like. There are trappy places that should be jumped from a trot, a walk

and from a standstill, and high places besides gaps filled with wire or rolling stones. Sometimes a horse must jump into a stream or out of plough; often he will have to put in an extra stride or stand back because of the nature or the position of the obstacle.

How seldom do any of our competitive events demonstrate these accomplishments—a few handy hunter classes and occasional field hunter trials. Unless he has been schooled along these lines however, no horse can be called either a finished hunter or a really safe conveyance to hounds. There are no shortcuts to this type of education—it takes time and therefore money. But it also takes only a grain or two of sense to realize that a good hunter costs far less than paying the doctor.

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Letters • • • • •

Important Point

Dear Sir:

Mr. Santini left out something in his article Variety (March 2nd) which I always thought was very important: the type of hedges used in France. Unless they have changed them since the war, the hedges were quite different from England's as you could almost go through them. French horses going to England had to be trained all over again because if they hit an English hedge the way they could the French ones, they'd fall flat on their faces. True, a lot of jumps were uncompromisingly "straight" so that a horse had no indication where to take off, but on the other hand, the chances of falling because of hitting them were slight no matter where you took off. The good part about a straight jump like this was that the best horses took off far back and soared way beyond . . . really big jumpers, not high but big . . . which left the spectator with a wonderful feeling of flying. You could see a good 'chaser gain one or two lengths on every jump. He might barely be able to hold his own on the flat part, but come the next jump and he'd be ahead again. One couldn't help but feel that he was ten times the horse who could only scurry along on the flat, losing ground on every jump. The water jumps invited them to spread themselves even more and were far likelier to trap the mediocre jumpers.

For still greater variety, some courses had a bank, too high to fly, which gave a change of pace which was interesting. I remember one course. I think it was at Bordeaux, where the bank gave the spectators an interesting semi-rear view of the horses as they checked and collected themselves for the spring. I always felt this was an agonizing moment and my heart would invariably be in my mouth. The sudden change of pace; the feeling that if they didn't slow down enough they might fall; if they slowed down too much it might cost them the race. Also, Continued On Page 23

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Racing

REVIEW OF THE WEEK

**Bobby Brocato Chalks Up His Fourth Win For 1956
In The San Juan Capistrano 'Cap**

Raleigh Burroughs

Bowie

Forty-two-years ago, two pioneers by the names of Gadsden D. Bryan and James O'Hara broke into a clearing on the edge of a swamp in Prince Georges County, Maryland, staked out a claim and then began wondering what to do with it.

They had heard something about mousetraps and how people will beat a path to your door if you build a better one, but couldn't see any great future in the manufacture of rodent snares—even better ones. Instead, they decided to put up a racetrack.

Messrs. Bryan and O'Hara did not plunge into the enterprise recklessly. They had observed that what makes a racetrack profitable is the people who pay to get in and that it is wise to build near a large center of population, and this might have stopped them for awhile. But when they learned (from two Union soldiers who were hitch-hiking back to New Jersey, I think it was) that the town of Bowie was only a few miles to the west, they pitched right in and built, and named their racecourse for the village.

Bowie, in those days, was but a hamlet of 300 souls (estimated); in subsequent years, its population has swelled to a staggering 314 (also estimated).

Anyone handy at figures can see that, even with the full resident potential of Bowie to draw from, there weren't going to be many million-dollar days, but news travels fast when there's a gambling game going on.

Soon, homesteaders of Odenton, Linthicum Heights, Glen Burnie, Waterloo, Jessup, Annapolis, Baltimore and Washington were streaming in.

Prosperity kissed O'Hara and Bryan and the operations who came after them at the track in the forest primeval.

In truth, a path was beaten to their door. It still is there, as visitors to the park on March 10, the first Saturday of the 1956 meeting will attest.

Actually, there are two paths, a stage coach road, plus lines of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

To show that they felt no resentment at being left upon the Steppes of Southern Maryland, later managements named a race as a memorial to Messrs. B. & H.

In the beginning, Bowie was given the dirty end of the dates. The track opened in cold, rainy April for its early

session and ran its second term in cold, snowy November.

This was before the earth slipped off its axis and New Jersey took up horseracing. Now all Maryland tracks covet the salubrious, non-conflicting days of March and December.

The phenomenon of weather change has not been discovered by horse-park entrepreneurs in New York and New Jersey (the Rhode Island guys know about it) so pilgrims journey from such far places to participate in the gambling at Bowie.

It is predicted here that the situation will not last forever. It may be centuries before New York learns about the altered climatic condition, but you don't have to hit the gents of Jersey with a ton of sunshine. A parade of million-dollar days in about the same latitude will convince them quickly that the calendar is a liar.

Improvements at Bowie this year include a terraced, glassed-in dining room, a new cafeteria and lounge and a streamlined general manager. Mr. Howard Pierce has whittled himself from a plump 210 to a racy 170. Now, he can slip into his Jaguar without bending the wheel.

The most people that ever crowded into Bowie swarmed over the premises on March 10—25,917—and many of them forced their way into the place before the third race. Others got as close as they could and moved in when an opening presented itself.

It is a matter of statistical proof that a horse-player who is prevented from

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getting into the track through causes beyond his control would have had the daily double. Thus several thousands did not enjoy the \$271.40 payoff on combination play of races one and two.

After everyone got in, the betting boomed and \$1,635,470 was processed at 12 per cent (formerly ten) and the residual 88, less breakage, was returned to the successful investors.

The **Miss Maryland Handicap** was the main event on the card and it seemed to be cut and dried for Mrs. H. W. Kellogg's **Dark Charger**.

Suspense and excitement were added by the fact that a couple of earlier cut-and-dried ones had proved that no race is. But **Dark Charger** didn't disappoint. She gave the heavy bettors some anxious moments, but she came through and enjoyed the distinction of being the only winning favorite on the program.

The three-year-old filly (they all were three-year-old fillies, but I'm speaking of **Dark Charger** and am endeavoring to avoid awkward repetition), with **De-Spirito** at the helm, broke well from her No. 6 post position but couldn't get to the front in the first four furlongs. About the time fans began wondering if this was going to be another beaten choice, the **Depth Charge** lass came to the front and stayed there to the end. She beat **Myrtle** by 1 3-4 lengths. It

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PIEDMONT POINT-TO-POINT RACES

To be run over a flagged course at Rokeby Farm,
Upperville, Va.

Saturday, March 24th, 3:30 P. M.

1st Race — RACE FOR LADIES. Side-saddle or astride. Minimum weight 145 lbs. Minimum of four starters to constitute race. A piece of plate to be presented to the owner of the winner. Time: 3:30 P. M. About 3½ miles

2nd Race — PIEDMONT PLATE. Race for gentlemen, weight 175 lbs. Same course as Rokeby Bowl. About 4½ miles. Open to all horses and riders acceptable to committee. Four starters to constitute the race, time 4:00 p.m.

3rd Race — ROKEBY CHALLENGE BOWL. Race for Gentlemen. Weight 175 lbs. The Rokeby Bowl to be presented to the owner of the winner, to be held for one year; a piece of plate also to be presented outright to the owner of the winner. The Bowl to be kept outright if won three times by the same owner, not necessarily consecutively, and not necessarily with the same horse. Time: 4:30 P. M. About 4½ miles

1. No horse which has raced under Jockey Club or N. S. H. A. Rules during the year prior to this race shall be eligible.
2. Any horse must have been Regularly and Fairly hunted during this season.
3. All riders regular followers of a Recognized Hunt, acceptable to Committee.

Entries close with Mrs. Earl Dawson, Middleburg Saddlery,
Middleburg, Va. on or before Saturday Midnight, March 17th

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Racing Review

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was three lengths back to Cele's Pet and 1 1/2 more to Fleet Lass.

The race was worth \$11,050 to Mrs. Kellogg, and put Dark Charger's 1956 total at \$20,480. She won an allowance race at New Orleans in January and was second twice at Hialeah—in the Jasmine and Bahamas—so her record since New Year's Day stands 2 wins and 2 seconds in 4 starts.

Last season she won \$48,980 in 13 races of which she won 8 and ran second in 2.

The brown filly was bred by Murlogg Farm (also Mrs. Kellogg) and is from the Boswell mare, Osswellblessed.

O. Cleland trains for Mrs. Kellogg.

On March 8, the winds blew, the rains fell and Bowie opened. The **Burch Memorial Handicap** was the brightest gem of the eight-jeweled agendum, and 16 Thoroughbreds braved the sloppy going for a shot at the treasure.

Mrs. E. H. Augustus' **Informant**, which hadn't set foot on a track in an official engagement since last June, came off with the swag. The four-year-old Spy Song (from Leslie Grey, by Isolator) gelding bounced out of Gate 13 on the front end and never yielded. War Age made it a race from start to finish, but lost by a neck. Golden Admiral was third, a head behind the place horse, and four lengths before River Jordan, which finished fourth.

The mutuel payoff on **Informant** was \$26.80 and the purse and stakes added up to \$7,925.

Nick Shuk had the mount.

G. M. Baker trains **Informant**. Mrs. E. H. Augustus bred him.

Santa Anita

The **San Juan Capistrano Handicap** (March 10) was the final feature offering of Santa Anita's elaborate horse convention. In it **Bobby Brocato** proved he is the longest-winded sprinter in history by winning at a mile and three-quarters on the turf.

Before going to the West Coast he had made a reputation for himself as a dash specialist, and it took the eminent Willie Molter to teach him he could dash all day.

Bobby Brocato won the grind over the grass just as he has taken six-furlong and middle-distance races—on the front end.

This time the others didn't let him run off with it. Lychnus and Mister Gus were in close pursuit during the first mile, and, with six furlongs to go, the former was but half a length back of the flying **Bobby**.

At the stretch call, Mister Gus still was second, but had lost a length and a half. Manotick was in third place; Honeys Alibi and Social Outcast were moving rapidly.

Bobby Brocato's margin at the wire was 1 1/4 lengths over Manotick. The gray filly beat Honeys Alibi by a neck, and the latter saved third money from Social Outcast by one length.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis M. Kerr collected \$68,900 because they own **Bobby Brocato**. The total acquired from this source in 1956 now stands at \$211,125.

The son of Natchez—Dorothy Brown, by Brown King, has raced 7 times this year, has 4 wins, 1 second and 2 thirds. His stakes victories were in the San

Pasqual, San Marcos and Santa Anita Handicaps. He won \$153,775 in '55.

Last summer, Mr. and Mrs. Kerr bought **Bobby Brocato** with Mel Leavitt and Mr. Al L. from J. W. Brown, in what is popularly termed a package deal, for \$150,000.

The horse is five years old.

George Taniguchi was aboard for the Capistrano.

Gulfstream Park

On March 5, Gulfstream honored the world's leading money-winning gelding with a race known as the **Armed Handicap**. The test is at six furlongs and seemed to the fans a good spot for **Squared Away**, so they took 11 1/2 to 10 that he could tote 120 pounds and beat seven horses carrying lighter burdens.

The nine-year-old gelding came through nicely for his owner, Jan Burke, catching Hangover in the stretch and drawing out to win by 1 1/2 lengths.

Rock Pilot, the longshot of the field, was third and **Duc de Fer** fourth.

The winner's share, \$7,000, puts the **Piping Rock** (from Imperatrice, by Caruso) gelding at \$16,925 for 1956. He has won 3, been second in 2 and third in 1 of his 7 races.

Last year he won 4 of 11 and earned \$33,025.

Carey Winfrey, male parent of the owner, trains **Squared Away**. Eric Guerin rode.

Decathlon worked up a sweat in winning the **Hutcheson Handicap**, on March 7, but his supporters remained calm as there was nothing to worry about. Taking the lead at the beginning of the 6 1/2-furlong race, the **River Divide Stable** color-bearer stretched it out until he was five lengths on top and that was the end.

He added \$8,000 to his earnings and has \$31,850 for '56, with 3 wins and a fourth in four tries. He took the Hibiscus in January. At Tropical Park, in December, he won the Dade County and De Soto Handicaps.

The son of Olympia—**Dog Blessed**, by *Bull Dog is three years old.

R. J. Dienst owns the **River Divide Stable**. R. T. Shepp trains for him.

G. R. Martin is **Decathlon**'s regular rider.

Gulfstream fans who play the longest-shot-in-the-race system profited handsomely on March 10 with the running of the **Appleton Handicap**.

Mielieux, light-weight of the field under 109 pounds, just got up to take a head decision over **Two Fisted**. The winner paid \$67.80. **Fabulist** and **Helfast** got the other two money positions in the order listed. The race is at 1 1/8 miles.

Two Fisted had been scheduled to carry the same weight as **Mielieux**, but Paul Bailey could dehydrate only to 113.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Markus own **Mielieux**, which is by **Platter**, out of **Miel**, by **Jamestown**.

The win was the third in 1956 for the four-year-old colt. He has started 5 times. With the \$11,150 from the **Hutcheson**, he has season's earnings of \$16,325.

F. L. Moore trains him.

Walter Blum was in the saddle.

Fair Grounds

T. A. Grissom's **Reaping Right** sped a mile and one-eighth in 1:51 flat to take the thirty-first running of the **Louisiana Handicap**, on March 10.

Mr. Bob W. was second, **Frosty** Mr., third and **Lady Swords**, fourth. The race was worth \$35,525 and was the second victory in 1956 for **Reaping Right**. The colt by **Reaping Reward**—**Miss Militant**, by **Zacawesta**, also has been second twice in 5 starts.

His earnings since January 1 add up to \$41,825.

Last year he won 4 races and \$6,800.

Duntreath Farm bred **Reaping Right**. Vester R. Wright trains him. Robert L. Baird usually rides him and was up for the Derby.

PAVOT stakes winner of \$373,365

br. 1942 by **Case Ace**—**Coquelicot**, by **Man o' War**

Sire of 11 two-year-old winners in 1955. Undefeated leading 2-year-old money winner of his year. Sire of many stakes class performers including **Impromptu**, **Cigar Maid**, **The Pimpernel**, **Andre**, **Wise Pop**, **South Point**, etc.

1956 Fee: \$2,500 Live Foal

stakes winning half-brother to

One Count horse of the year.

POST CARD

br. 1947 by **Firethorn**—**Ace Card**, by **Case Ace**

Post Card won 8 stakes races and \$170,525. Defeated such speedsters as **County Delight**, **Middleground**, **Oil Capitol**, **To Market**, **Yildiz**, **Jampol** etc.

1956 Fee: \$500 Live Foal

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Blue Ridge Hunt Pt.-to-Pt.

Ricacho Winner of Joseph W. Lewis Memorial Norsud Takes The Sandy Baldwin Novice Race

Nancy G. Lee

The final race on the card proved to be the event of the afternoon at the 7th annual Blue Ridge Hunt Point-to-Point held March 10 at Woodley Farm near Berryville, Virginia. The other races had been cut to three starters because of late scratches but The Joseph W. Lewis Memorial drew a field of seven. The prerace picture appeared to be very interesting as Mrs. John Burke's Ricacho (winner of his race at the Rappahannock Hunt Point-to-Point the previous Saturday), Mrs. Paul Fout's Curist (who finished 3rd behind Ricacho at Rappahannock) and Mrs. Norman K. Toerge's Norsude (who set such a terrific pace the previous Saturday in the early stages) were in the lineup. Added to these were Donald Patterson's Tamer, Mrs. W. S. Jenkins' Kaiser's Rose, Capt. J. L. B. Bentley's Gillian, and Mrs. A. A. Baldwin's High Plane.

The field was quick to get away and Mr. Paul Fout went to the top with Curist, followed by Mr. J. Bosley on High Plane. Approaching the 2nd. Mr. Laddie Murray really took over the pace setting duties with Nordame, with Cur-

ist, High Plane and Mr. D. M. "Mike" Smithwick on Ricacho in behind him. Nordame was tincanning over the 3rd, 4th, and 5th, opening up quite a lead on Curist but approaching the 6th, he went off the course and could not be brought back. This left Curist with a comfortable lead and at the 7th the chestnut gelding showed the way to Ricacho, with Mr. Grover Stephens 3rd on Gillian and Mr. William Cunningham bringing along Tamer to jump head and head with High Plane as Mr. Bill Wetherall was last on Kaiser's Rose.

Following the course across a plowed field, the horses had a long gallop to the 8th which appeared from the hillside to be a rather formidable jump. Curist was over with room to spare but Ricacho took out a rail. At the 10th, marking the beginning of a second turn of the course, the order was Curist, Ricacho, High Plane putting in a rather rough one. Gillian, Tamer and Kaiser's Rose. On to the 13th where the field went out of sight as they rounded the bottom of the hill, Curist was leading by about three lengths but back into sight and over the

14th on top of the hill, Mr. Smithwick had gone to the front with Ricacho.

Over the 16th, the drop jump, Ricacho really stood back and jumped some 4 lengths in front of Curist as the latter also put in a big one. Another five lengths back was Gillian while about 30 lengths behind him came Tamer and Kaiser's Rose. Checking back, it was seen that High Plane had pulled up after the 13th. Downhill into the 17th Ricacho and Curist were really moving with Gillian still holding the third slot. Ricacho really aired himself over the 18th, making a terrific jump, came around the beacon and over the 19th to gallop in the winner by about 15 lengths. Meantime Mr. Stephens had made his bid with Gillian coming into the 19th and had moved ahead of Curist, holding this position safely until he was by the judges' wagon. Curist finished 3rd as Kaiser's Rose moved ahead to account for 4th over Tamer.

The Clifton Cup was the ladies' race and the three horses facing the starter were Miss Kathleen McKinney's Sohrab, Leon Greenaway's Redmond and George Ohrstrom, Jr.'s *Fast. The combination of Miss Jennifer Skelton and Redmond had been a winning one at Rappahannock and this pair immediately went to the front in The Clifton Cup, handling the pace setting duties for the first six jumps. Approaching the 7th, Miss Bunny Porter really let *Fast out and over the 7th jumped head and head with Redmond. For the remainder of the course, Continued On Page 6

60th Running Of The MARYLAND HUNT CUP Saturday, April 28th, 1956

Time: 4:00 P. M.

The Sixtieth Annual Race for the Maryland Hunt Cup and the Fourth Race for the Challenge Bowl presented by the Committee of the Maryland Hunt Cup Association will be run on Saturday, April 25, 1956 at 4 P. M., under sanction of the Hunts Committee of the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association. Weights: 4-year-olds, 150 pounds; 5-year-olds, 160 pounds; 6-year-olds and upwards, 165 pounds. No sex or half-bred allowance; no allowance for riders, and no other allowance.* Owners, riders and horses, acceptable to the Committee. Start and finish on the estate of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Black, Worthington Valley. Entrance Fee \$10.00. Distance four miles.

The Challenge Bowl will be held by the owner of the winning horse each year and will become the permanent possession of the owner winning the Maryland Hunt Cup three times, not necessarily with the same horse nor by successive wins.

*In determining whether a rider is acceptable to the committee the following general qualifications will apply—

1. Riders holding amateur licenses from the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association and those eligible for the same.
2. Members of recognized hunts not holding amateur license of the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association, whose avocation is fox hunting for pleasure and who, although they may derive their livelihood from horse activities, do not accept pay for riding in races. These may be permitted to ride, but it is to be understood in good faith, that no rider shall be paid either directly or indirectly for riding in the Hunt Cup.

Commencing April 1st, 1956, the office of the Maryland Hunt Cup Association will be c/o Mr. Redmond C. Stewart, 411 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, Md., Telephone SARatoga 7-6820. For information regarding the race, parking stickers, press notices, and paddock tickets, call this Baltimore office.

Entries close at 12 o'clock midnight, Saturday, April 21st, 1956.

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Blue Ridge

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Miss Porter and *Fast were never headed, jumping well and holding an impressive lead. After jumping the 14th and last, Miss Porter headed for the stretch but went on the wrong side of the flag and was disqualified. Miss Skelton and Redmond headed for another turn of the course and by taking an extra jump was disqualified. Miss McKinney, who had been the final member of the field on her Sohrab, came into the finish on the right course and won the cup.

This year the committee named the novice race the Sandy Baldwin Memorial in memory of the late A. A. "Sandy" Baldwin, Thoroughbred breeder and former member of the Blue Ridge Hunt. Again only three went postward and Mrs. Scott Heuer, Jr.'s Magic Harp and Mr. Phil Fanning, the pair who lost the place position at Rappahannock because of a lost leather, were quick to show the way ahead of J. P. McCormick's Norsud (Mr. Laddie Murray up) and Mrs. Earl Whilhelm's Mighty Casey (Mr. Wilhelm riding). Magic Harp led for a complete turn of the course and on the second round was still showing the way. Over the 12th, the only straight up and down fence on the course, Norsud gave Mr. Murray an anxious moment as he hit hard but quickly recovered. Magic Harp held down the front position and at the 16th put in a bad one but still retained his lead. Behind him Norsud jumped well but Mighty Casey almost went down.

Downhill into the 17th Mr. Murray let

Norsud open up and jumped the 17th head and head with Magic Harp, taking over the lead upon landing. He continued to increase his lead over the final two jumps to win easily as Mighty Casey came to place ahead of Magic Harp. Mr. Fanning brought Magic Harp back to the wagon to dismount and the chestnut gelding dropped dead, bringing Mrs. Heuer, Jr.'s string of bad luck to three—the lost wheel off the trailer going to Rappahannock, losing the leather in the stretch drive at the meet and then losing the horse after the race at Blue Ridge.

Heavyweights were out for the combination hunter race and Mr. Russel Dart was out for another effort on Thomas Taylor's Hand Money, winner at Rappahannock. This pair led over the 1st jump but the owner-rider combination of Allen Schreve and By George took over the 2nd, jumped head and head with Hand Money at the 3rd and 4th and then set the pace over the next two jumps. Approaching the 7th Mr. Dart and Hand Money had gone to the front & held this position ahead of By George with owner-rider J. K. Secor getting a refusal on Dark Secret at the 8th but he was brought back on the course again. Around the beacon to the 10th, Hand Money tried to lug out and lost valuable ground but Mr. Dart got him moving again. After another turn of the course during which he opened up some 200 lengths ahead of By George, Hand Money just about lost the race as he pulled the same stunt coming into the 19th. Finally over this one, he again tried to lug out in the stretch drive as Mr. Secor now began to drive on Dark Secret to make his bid. Hand Money

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—KENTUCKY—

County Clare's Half Sister

Mrs. Edward S. Moore's Circle M Farm, Lexington, has a yearling half sister, by *Heliopolis, to County Clare, the *Shannon II horse who recently won the \$15,000-added Magic City Handicap for Brookmeade Stable. The dam, Stepwisely, who has also produced Bolero, was among a group of seven brood mares purchased privately by Circle M last year from E. E. Dale Shaffer. She was bred to Citation last spring.

Clear Dawn's Brother

John W. Galbreath's Darby Dan Farm, Lexington, has a yearling full brother to Clear Dawn, the *Heliopolis mare who recently scored a 657-20 upset in the \$30,000-added Black Helen Handicap. The dam, Darby Dunedin, captured the Columbiana and Lassies Handicaps herself. She was bred to Citation last spring.

*Nahar II's First

The first *Nahar II foal in America, a recent arrival at John A. Bell, Jr.'s Jonabell Stables, Lexington, is a filly out of Dark Sissy, full sister to Battlefield's dam and three-quarters sister to Dark Discovery.

*Nahar II, half brother, by Stardust, to *Noor and to two other stakes win-

ners, stands at Mr. and Mrs. Howard Reineman's Crown Crest Farm, Lexington.

Singing Top's Last, Agitator II's First

Singing Top, dam of Lieut. Well, died recently after foaling a bay filly by *Agitator II at John W. Galbreath's Darby Dan Farm, Lexington.

Bred by C. V. Whitney, Singing Top was unplaced in two starts as a two-year-old of 1937. The best foal of the daughter of *Royal Minstrel from the brilliant race mare Top Flight was the Whitney-bred Peace Chance gelding Lieut. Well, winner of the Broad Hollow and Butler Steeplechase Handicaps, and two runnings of both the Bushwick Hurdle and the Jervis Spencer Steeplechase Handicaps.

*Kerkeb's First

*Kerkeb, Irish-bred winner of the 1953 Yorkshire Oaks, Park Hill Stakes and Newmarket St. Leger in England, recently dropped her first foal, a bay colt by Palestine, at A. B. Hancock's Clairborne Farm, Paris. The daughter of Straight Deal—Brenda Mar, by Nearco, goes to Double Jay.

Mrs. Moore's Mares at Riverside

Five brood mares owned by Mrs. Marie

Moore's High Hope Farm, The Plains, Va., arrived last week at Kirkwood Snyder's Riverside Farm, Lexington, Ky., where they will be boarded for the breeding season. Included in the shipment are daughters of Bimelech, Citation, Eight Thirty, *Mahmoud and Ro-

Golden Trend to Lismore

The eight-year-old Golden Trend, half brother, by Eight Thirty, to the Mexican stakes winner Scriptwriter, has been retired to enter stud at A. F. Wall's Lismore Farm, Lexington.

A five-season winner of \$50,600, Golden Trend placed in the Lamplighter Handicap; and showed in the Choice Stakes, Michigan Mile and Frontier Handicap.

Big Event Dies

Big Event, dam of Hall of Fame, died last week of an internal hemorrhage at Greentree Stud, Inc., after she had foaled a Native Dancer colt who was saved.

Bred by the late Col. E. R. Bradley's Idle Hour Stock Farm, Big Event was a full sister to the Selima Stakes winner Bee Ann Mac; and a half sister or three-quarters sister, by Blue Larkspur, to Black Helen, Biologist, Big Hurry, Bimelech and the rest of "La Troienne's marvelous brood. Big Hurry herself took two races and placed in the Selima as a two-year-old of 1940. She went to Greentree in the division of the Idle Hour stock after Col. Bradley's death.

The best of her offspring was the Greentree-bred stakes winning Shut Out gelding Hall of Fame.

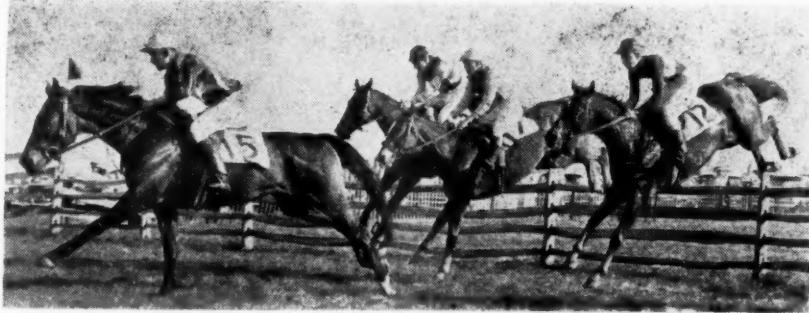
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THE MOUNT SALEM, Ladies Race, about 2½ miles, was won by Leon T. Greenaway's Redmond, ridden by Jennifer Skelton, (right) was the winner. Mrs. James S. Jenkins on Mrs. Roland Clark's Nordrina (left) was in the second spot at this point, but was put out of contention later in the race when she fell.

(Marshall Hawkins Photo)



(Hawkins Photo)

THE MOUNT MARSHALL, lightweight race, (l. to r.): Phil Fanning on Magic Harp; Grover Stephens on Norsud, just before the pair went down (picture below); and Stokes Lott on the winner, Thomas Nichols' Starboard.



Grover Stephens on Jamie McCormick's Norsud (#2) going down. This combination seemed to have the lightweight race under control when they became coppers next to the last fence.

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Mr. James W. Fletcher on Benton Boy was the winner of the Rappahannock Bowl, a three mile race over timber. Mr. Fletcher is the Joint-Master of The Rappahannock Hunt, located in Washington, Va.

(Darling Photo)



Midwest Hunt Circuit To Card Additional Races—River Downs' Hurdles

Campbell Brown

The condition book for the Stoneybrook Races, opening steeplechase meeting for 1956, has added a new race to its fixtures. This is a hurdle race, at about 1 1-2 miles, for horses which competed over jumps along the Midwest circuit in 1954 or 1955, or for horses whose owners had a horse on that circuit during the past two years.

The conditions open this race to some forty-odd horses, of various degrees of quality. If only a fourth of the eligibles shows up, and if the handicapper applies properly the somewhat elastic conditions to this race, Stoneybrook should see a very good race indeed.

Still another race has been made available to Midwest competitors. At its annual meeting in Indianapolis, Feb. 29, the Midwest Hunt Race Association voted to accept with gratitude the offer of the management of River Downs, in Cincinnati, to card a race over its new hurdle course for horses participating in Midwest competition. Since the race is set for Friday, June 8, the week-end following Louisville's Oxmoor meeting, some excellent racing may be expected. Conditions will be modelled after those for the Arlington Park Hurdle Stakes, which marks the close of the Midwest season. The Stakes has been scheduled for June 22, as part of that day's regular card.

About 20 steeplechasing enthusiasts from various of the meetings which make up the midwest Association attended the annual luncheon meeting, which was held at Indianapolis' Columbia Club. Lowery Watkins, president of the Association, was in charge of the meeting.

Other matters under consideration by the meeting were the continuation of the system of riders' allowances adopted, but not followed by all meetings for last year. This system is virtually the same as that in force by the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association for some time.

Prospects for racing along the Midwest Circuit seem good for the coming season. While the two Youmans horses, Storm Hour and Storm On, will be missing from the lineup for the first time since 1947, such regular and tough competitors as Jarrin John, under the colors of Dr. & Mrs. Paul Dent, Ginny Bug, running for Harry S. Nichols, P. T. Cheff's The Deacon, and Mrs. Paul Sardar's Omaha Traveler can be expected to be among the front runners in the primary brush races, shifting to hurdles when there is no brush.

Now in their second year of hunt race competition, and likely to be in the winners' circle oftener than not are Ed Lotze's big youngster, Local Run, and the four year old Hyperion gelding, Navy Fighter, who gladdened owner Guilford Dudley, Jr.'s heart with two wins over turf, then went on to run at winners in the infields at eastern tracks and in fall hunt race meetings. Another horse which finally found his proper medium last year was Hi Team, belonging to Robert E. Lee Wilson III. If carried along, and given the rides a good horse deserves (he got only one last year) he should show up in more winners' circles than he has ever seen up to now. About the same thing could be



1956 Foals

Amethyst, by Jamestown: f. (Feb. 7) by *Royal Vale. Jonabell Stables, Lexington, Ky. Robert S. Clark, owner.

*Angel, by Easton: f. (Feb. 10) by Blue Swords. Idle Hour Farm, Lexington, Ky.

Blenita, by Sir Blenheim: c. (Feb. 18) by Lights Up. Booked to Your Host. Meadowview Farms, Inc., Moores- town, N. J. B. R. Roberts.

*Blue Dell, by Blue Peter: c. (Jan. 27) by Level Lea. Jonabell Stables. Lexington, Ky.

Eternal Flag, by Eternal Bull: c. (Jan. 27) by Blue Swords. Idle Hour Farm, Lexington, Ky.

Family Affair, by Grand Admiral: f. (Feb. 29) by *Royal Serenade. Booked to Alerted. Newstead Farm, Upperville, Va.

Flags Away, by American Flag: c. (Feb. 8) by Eternal Lark. Idle Hour Farm, Lexington, Ky.

Gay Poppy, by Unbreakable: f. (Jan. 29) by *Beau Gem. Booked to Armageddon. Newstead Farm, Upperville, Va. Mr. & Mrs. C. P. Benedict, owner.

*Hydromel, by Hyperion: c. (Jan. 26) by Petition. Claiborne Farm, Paris, Ky. Harry F. Guggenheim owner.

In Cahoots, by Menow: c. (Feb. 16) by Your Host. Booked to Your Host. Meadowview Farms, Inc., Moores- town, N. J. A. W. Berry, owner.

*In the Rough, by Fairway: c. (Feb. 22) by The Doge. Mineola Farm, Lexington, Ky.

Isolde, by *Bull Dog: c. (Feb. 20) by *Royal Vale. Hermitage Farm, Gos- hen, Ky.

Miss Zibby, by Omaha: f. (Feb. 8) by Spy Song. Booked to Helioscope. Sunnyside Farm, Paris, Ky.

Off Gold, by Polydor: c. (Feb. 19) by Trojan Monarch. Booked to Boss. Newstead Farm, Upperville, Va.

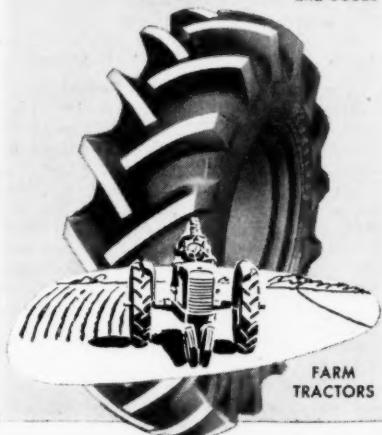
Olde Duff, by Shut Out: c. (Feb. 15) by Slide Rule. Booked to Slide Rule. Meadowview Farms, Inc., Moores- town, N. J.

said of Black Bijili, belonging to Lexington's Paul Cramer, although it is not suggested that they appear in the same winners' circle. And Burford Danner, of Royalton, owner of the late Bit-Whip Comet, could have a comer in Ambition, which started only once last year, and might develop into something to revere.

Quantitywise, there is nothing to worry about. Dennis Murphy, who is steadily earning the title of dean of Midwest trainers, has reported fifteen horses in training. Ed Lotze has a respectable string in Louisville. And Austin Brown, who has not exactly hung up his tack in favor of training, is busying himself with horses in the Camden area. Unnamed others may be expected to begin wending their way toward Stoneybrook, where "Mickey's meeting" will hold forth, appropriately, on Paddy's Day.

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Ellis Dies

James C. Ellis, 83, owner of Ellis Park and a breeding farm near Owensboro, Ky., died last week in a Hot Springs, Ark., hospital, after a six-day illness. He had been attending the races at Oaklawn Park.

A native of Spencer County, Ind., Jim Ellis worked as a laborer and brick mason in his youth. Later he engaged in the horse-and-mule trade, and drifted into Thoroughbred racing and breeding. However, most of his fortunate, estimated at between \$50,000,000 and \$100,000,000, came from oil.

He was President of an Owensboro bank and of the Dade Park Jockey Club, Inc. Last year, at the insistence of newsmen covering the meeting, he changed the name of Dade Park, near Henderson, to Ellis Park. He also maintained a racing stable of moderate size and even more modest quality; and the 344-acre James C. Ellis Farm, where the stallions Locust Bud, Onco Sweep, Runebb's Pride, Shakamak, Snap Clock, Stop Clock and Sweeping Tide were kept, along with about 50 brood mares.

A bachelor, Mr. Ellis had no close survivors.

Sales Committees Named

Breeders' Sales Company, Inc., last week announced the membership of the committees that will select yearlings for the Keeneland Summer Sales.

Ira Druman, operator of Gallaher Farm, Lexington; Charles A. Kenney, Manager of Mrs. John D. Hertz's Stoner Creek Stud, Paris; and Charles Nuckles, Jr., one of the owners of Hurstland Farm, Midway, have been re-appointed to the pedigree committee that will review the breeding qualifications of nominees to the Kentucky auction.

John Ward, Lexington breeder; and Cy F. White, operator of Elsmeade Farm, Lexington, comprise the inspector committee that will screen the nominees for conformation.

Prize Filly Identified

The yearling to be given away during the March 5-8 "It's Spring Again" promotion of over 50 Lexington, Ky., stores was identified last week as a baby filly by "Sirte-Ariel Post, by Ariel. The

Cromwell Bloodstock Agency bought her from Mrs. Walter J. Salmon's Mereworth Farm, Lexington, on behalf of the promotion, which is being sponsored by the Lexington *Herald-Leader*.

Drawing for the yearling is to be held March 8 in front of the Fayette County Courthouse. The filly will be boarded for the winner until October, when the winner may sell her at the Keeneland Fall Sales or put her in training.

Grimes Mill

Jim Henderson, Lexington, Ky., writer, advertising executive, insurance man and breeder, now has Grimes Mill, three-year-old half brother, by Pavot, to last year's prominent hurdler Prince Regent, in training at Keeneland under the tutelage of J. H. P. Richards.

Returnees

Recent returnees to Lexington, Ky., after Florida vacations are Mr. and Mrs. Howard Reineman, owners of Crown Crest Farm; and Bill Bugg, Manager of George D. Widener's Old Kenney Farm.

— Frank T. Phelps

England's National Stud

According to an item in the English newspaper the Evening Standard, there is a growing feeling in England that the National Stud may have outlived its usefulness. Only in one year since 1949 has the Stud made any money, and that was a minor sum in 1954 that season they sold Landau, which represented the Queen in the Washington, D. C. International of the same year to Australia for about £19,000, which if deducted from the year's balance would have left then only £288 to the good. This would seem to make the National Stud "balanced precariously on a single horse-deal".

The article states, "The avowed purpose of the National Stud is to breed the highest-class Thoroughbreds in order to benefit the breeding of bloodstock generally. How many first class stallions has the National Stud produced in 40 years of activity? Just one—Big Game. One other really remarkable horse stands out—Sun Chariot."

Brookmeade's Sailor

Nashua's No. 1 rival in 1956 may be a colt that went practically unnoticed as a juvenile and came into his own too late as a 3-year-old to gain proper recognition in nationwide polls.

His name is Sailor—and many an expert thinks that if the Big Horse can be upset the surprise torpedo may be fired by Sailor. Mrs. Isabel Dodge Sloane's homebred chestnut colt launched his racing career on this the Hialeah strip.

A son of the renowned racer Eight Thirty, out of the Jack High mare, Flota, Sailor ran only five times at two, getting two victories and a second for meager earnings of \$4,850. But as a sophomore, he won eight of his 12 starts, including four big stakes, had two seconds, and gleaned \$130,175. In three of his stakes conquests, he defeated older horses—something few sophomores even attempt to do.

It was in November, while most of the national polls were being completed on best horses of 1955, that Sailor really established himself as a horse to be reckoned with in any company, and over a grueling route.

In Jamaica's mile and three-sixteenths Roamer Handicap, decided on a sloppy track, the Brookmeade bullet outran his opposition all the way and scored by an easy three-and-a-half lengths to pay \$27.90. That was on November 5. Came the Pimlico Special November 26, and Sailor

surprised again. In that invitation fixture, he scored another front-running triumph with almost three lengths to spare defeating such older aces as Mister Gus, Social Outcast and Jet Action, among others.

Trainer Burch, asked about Sailor's personality at Hialeah the other day, said:

"He's versatile like his sire. Eight Thirty. He will run short or long, mud or dry." (Frank E. Kilroe, racing secretary-handicapper at Santa Anita and New York tracks, rated Sailor the most versatile horse of 1955.) The colt was trained sparingly last year because Burch noted he's a horse of moods at times and did not want him to get the habit of not doing his best. The old psychiatric treatment, you might say.

He may not be as famous or rich as Nashua but Sailor is a well-handled, fit antagonist and could make it tough in the year ahead.

—Fred Hayden

Wrong "Gold Mine"

Of the 82 nominees for the 1956 Florida Derby at Gulfstream Park, twenty were yearling purchases in 1954. The aggregate cost of these twenty was \$429,500 and, up to the middle of February, this group had earned a total of \$709,480. That makes it sound as if buying yearlings is pretty good business. It is too. Just as is buying shares in Peruvian gold mines if you happen to pick the right Peruvian gold mine. Nalur (*Nasrullah—Lurline B) is, up to this point, an example of the wrong gold mine. He sold for \$86,000 as a baby and has won a snappy \$6,575 up to the middle of February. Four more have

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proved pretty barren gold mines up to this point, not having started yet. One of these four non-starters is Ware the Road which cost \$35,000. Another is Invalidate which cost an even \$30,000. When you add to those initial costs, the feeding, training, shipping, and so forth, these non-starters are pretty expensive ventures up to now.

On the other side of the picture are some pretty rather good bargains. Nail cost \$20,000 and has earned \$242,430. Beau Fond cost \$2,500 and has earned \$38,690. Blen Host won \$70,565 against a purchase price of \$14,000. Gethere Jack cost \$5,600 and has won \$56,175 in spite of that ridiculous name he has (I wonder why the Jockey Club allows names which make the sport look cheap). Tiger Wander has returned \$46,100 on an investment of \$4,700. And, barring unforeseen catastrophes, these animals are not through earning those lovely dollars yet.

— R. J. Clark

Half-Brother to Never Say Die in England

Recently arrived in England to be trained by R. Peacock in Yorkshire is the Citation half-brother to Derby and St. Leger winner Never Say Die, bred and owned by Robert S. Clark.

If reports that I have heard of him bear even a modicum of accuracy, then this colt certainly should turn out to be a "smasher".

Along with him came the well-named Night Sentry, by Eight Thirty out of Besieged, a full-brother to the Stakes winning sprinter Make Tracks and a half-brother to the Ayr Gold Cup winner Hook Money, to whose trainer Arthur Budgett this all-quality chestnut colt has gone to be trained.

— P. T.C.

Change Date of Argentine Classic

The Argentine Racing Commission has notified John Scharpilo, president of Laurel Race Course, that it has changed the date of the Gran Premio Carlos Pellegrini, the country's leading race, to December 2 this year in order to avoid conflict with the Washington D. C. International, scheduled for November 12, Veteran's Day.

In prior years, this richest of all Argentine races in both money and prestige, was staged within a few days of the Laurel classic, practically eliminating the possibility of that nation's bigger equine stars appearing in the Maryland race.

As it stands now, there will be practically three weeks between the two classics, ample time for an Argentine champion to race at Laurel and return to Buenos Aires for the Carlos Pellegrini.

Preponderance of Sprint Races

The stakes races for the spring meeting at Belmont and the summer meeting at Hollywood Park have been announced.

It is interesting to note that Belmont has a total of six stakes at a mile or less for horses three years old and upward against only three stake races at distances over a mile for these horses. These figures include one race for fillies and mares at a mile or less and one at more than a mile. There is a great preponderance of short races, 67%, as a matter of fact. At Hollywood Park, on the other

hand, there are thirteen races for three years olds and upward of which seven are at more than a mile. That means that only 46% of the stakes races are at the shorter distances. At Hollywood Park, there is one race for fillies and mares at a mile or less and one at more than a mile in the foregoing figures just as at Belmont.

Thus, Hollywood Park has 54% of its summer stakes races for older horses at more than a mile as compared with only 33% at Belmont. The time of year has nothing to do with it either because the meetings are just about concurrent.

For three-year-olds, Belmont has four stakes races at more than a mile and two at less than a mile. One of the over-a-mile races is for fillies. Hollywood Park has four stakes at more than a mile for three-year-olds. One of these is for fillies. There are three stakes races at a mile or less for three-year-olds of which two are for fillies. In this category, then, each track has the same number of longer races but Hollywood Park has three at the shorter distances of which two are for fillies as compared with two at Belmont at the shorter distances of which neither is for fillies.

The point of all this is that I think it is indicative of an increasing realization by those who run Hollywood Park that, as long as we have an overwhelming preponderance of sprint races, particularly in the higher class races (stakes), we are going to have to go abroad for stallions to bring stamina into our racing stock. If you will take a look at the asterisks in a list of our leading stallions, I think it will be readily apparent that just exactly such is the case. The people who run New York racing, habitually being years behind others with respect to any sort of progress, would not be expected to realize that until others had marked the way with utmost clarity, if then. As long as we run races for sprinters with one (if any) cup race per meeting, how can we expect to do anything but run down our breeding stock to the point where it needs incessant shots of imported stamina as is the case now? More power to Hollywood Park. Keep stretching them.

— R. J. Clark

Traffic Judge

Last season, Traffic Judge gave each Swaps and Nashua a good run for his money on separate occasions. In the Arlington Classic at a mile, Nashua beat him by half a length with the Judge coming on strongly. Swaps beat him by a length in the American Derby. As a matter of fact, Traffic Judge was just about the champion place horse of 1955. He ran second in two other major stakes being headed by Saratoga in the choice and outswum by two lengths by Thinking Cap in the 1955 edition of the Travers which, as you will never forget if you happened to be there, was run practically under water after two weeks of rain at Saratoga. Had the Judge won these four races instead of losing them, he would have had \$150,175 more in his piggy bank. The cumulative margin by which he was defeated in those four stakes was three and a half lengths. Pretty expensive lengths.

In addition to these four rather disconcerting seconds, Traffic Judge did win five good races, the Widener, Jerome, Ventnor, Ohio Derby, and the Withers. The *Alibhai—Traffic Court colt has started his 1956 campaign with three place performances, one being a head

loss to Trackmaster in the Santa Anita Maturity.

In passing, I should like to take my cap (I drive a Jaguar so I have to wear a cap instead of a hat) off to Mr. Mooers, Mr. Cornell, and to Traffic Judge. The colt always runs an honest race and Messrs. Mooers and Cornell run him against all comers with no excuses and none of this business of ducking tough competition. That is real racing.

Mr. Mooers said to one of the Gulfstream people out in California (don't ask me what Gulfstream people were doing in California), "I've been reading about a possible meeting in this race between Swaps and Nashua. I can only say that they had better not leave Traffic Judge out of their calculations. We were running Nashua down in the Arlington Classic at a mile, and the mile and a quarter of the Gulfstream Park Handicap will be just to our liking. If Traffic Judge continues to train well at Santa Anita it is our definite intention to fly him to Gulfstream Park in plenty of time for the March 17 race.

"Naturally much will hinge upon his performance in the big race (Santa Anita Handicap) out here. One thing is certain—we're not afraid of Swaps or Nashua, and would welcome another opportunity to beat both of them."

Mr. Mooers also named a pair for the \$100,000 added Florida Derby at Gulfstream on March 24. Nalur, the \$86,000 yearling by *Nasrullah—Lurline B., is one of them. The price paid for him was incidentally, a record, surpassing the previous high of \$75,000 paid for New Broom. Nalur has won only one race so far but Mr. Mooers is said to view his prospects with optimism. The other colt is Placer (that would almost seem to have been the name for Traffic Judge) which won two last year. In 1956, he ran third to Count Chic in the San Miguel and fourth to Fathers Risk in the California Breeders Stakes. It is said that Placer is a better prospect than his expensive stablemate.

— Dr. R. J. Clark

To The Top in Eight Years

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SUMMARIES

Ladies jumpers—1. Remember Me, Barbara Busch; 2. Van Weider, Mrs. C. R. Kirkman; 3. Kip, Harold C. Frankel; 4. King Spera, Mrs. Tworger Johnson.

Lightweight hunters—1. Domo, Barbara Worth Stables; 2. Big Irish, Encinal Stables; 3. Tony's Upset, Al Davis; 4. The Law, George Humiston.

Jumpers, knock-down & out—1. Kip; 2. Charlie, Barbara Busch; 3. Baldy, The Squirt Co; 4. Mr. Jazz, Artisia Stock Farms.

Polo mounts, middle and heavyweight—1. Royce's Top, Clyde Kennedy Stable; 2. Bobbie Sox, Kathryn Starr; 3. Reno Red, Bruce Gear; 4. Rolley Echols, Robert E. Rowe.

Hunters, middle and heavyweight—1. Short Day, Mrs. Louis Pfau; 2. Safe Conduct, Dale O'Banion; 3. Proude Sirde, Alfred Meyer; 4. Easter V, Gene Pendergast.

English pleasure horses, 18-20 yrs—1. Yankee, Ann Star Light Farm; 2. Effie, Carol Manasse; 3. Top Secret, Susan Fink; 4. Smart Appearance, E. R. Strong Building Materials Co.

Jumpers, triple bar—1. King Spera; 2. Mr. Jazz; 3. Scuttlebutt, Pat Sugich; 4. Remember Me.

\$500 hunter stake—1. Domo; 2. Short Day; 3. Virginie, Rancho Inferno; 4. Above Reproach; 5. Praise All, Shaun Pendergast; 6. All Mio, Jimmy Williams.

AHSA Medal Class, hunting seat, under 18—1. Sally Smith; 2. Sandy Swayne; 3. Michael Ann Pendergast; 4. Jamie Clinton; 5. Jan Caffall; 6. Mary Anderson.

\$500. jumper stake—1. Kip; 2. King Spera; 3. Remember Me; 4. Mr. Jazz; 5. The Jonesboy, Nancy Hough; 6. Van Weider.

\$500. polo mount stake—1. Reno Red; 2.

Royce's Top; 3. Bobbie Sox; 4. Bobette, Ora C. Rhodes; 5. Rolley Echols, Robert E. Rowe; 6. Little Rusty, Rudy Smithers.

Handy hunters—1. Short Day; 2. Above Reproach; 3. Domo; 4. That Again, Mr. & Mrs. Al Laufer.

Amateur jumpers—1. Copper King, Mr. & Mrs. Al Laufer; 2. Little Bay, Kay Tester; 3. Niobe, Jack Cooper; 4. Charlie.

Ladies hunters—1. Short Day; 2. Above Reproach; 3. Proud Sirde; 4. Easter V.

Handy jumpers—1. King Spera; 2. Mr. Jazz; 3. Copper King; 4. Humphrey Duggan.

Polo mounts—1. Little Rusty; 2. Bobbie Sox; 3. Bobette; 4. Reno Red.

Amateur hunters—1. Above Reproach; 2. Proud Sirde; 3. Open Road; 4. Big Irish, Encinal Stables.

Green jumpers—1. No Commotion, Roy H. Traylor; 2. Indian Nation, Barbara Worth Stables; 3. Whiskey Bill, Artisia Stock Farms; 4. Bachelor's Boy, Eddie Tyler, Jr.

Green hunters—1. All Mio; 2. Imagine Me, Stephan Croddy; 3. Virginie; 4. Conversation, Sandy Swayne.

Bounce, Ormond Biltmore Stables, Andino, Army & Navy Club.

Hunter hacks—1. Cat Boots; 2. Fox Fire; 3. Beau Kid; 4. Biltmore's Pride.

Knock-down and out—1. Top Miss, Ormond Biltmore Stables; 2. Redwore; 3. Benalcazar, Cuban Army & Navy Club; 4. Driftwood.

English pleasure horse championship — 1. Champ; 2. Peavine's Earl, Elliott Stables; 3. Lady Eloise; 4. Count Killarney.

Barrel race—1. Cracker Jack, Dennis Whelan; 2. Trigger, Judy Persons; 3. Tennessee Toddy, M. M. Weiss; 4. Miss Prince, Joyce Covington.

Hunter stake—1. Biltmore's Pride; 2. Fox Fire; 3. Beau Kid; 4. Handall.

Jumpers stake—1. Big Bounce; 2. Moonspring, Ormond Biltmore Stables; 3. Redwore; 4. Top Miss; 5. Benaleazar; 6. Camajuani, Cuban Army & Navy Club.

National Horse Show equitation event — 1. Sue Hammonds; 2. Jerry Jones; 3. Vicki Mechelle; 4. Margo Richter; 5. Tommy Longwell; 6. Lynn McLeod.

Miami

PLACE: Miami, Florida.
TIME: February 16-19
JUDGE: James Gilchrist

SUMMARIES

Open jumping—1. Cindy Lou, Ratliff Stables; 2. Driftwood, Ormond Biltmore Stables; 3. Top Miss, Ormond Biltmore Stables; 4. Bim's Carnation, M. Clark.

Hunters—1. Cat Boots, Alice O. Frazer; 2. Fox Fire, Lazy J7 Ranch; 3. Beau Kid, Ratliff Stables; 4. Hope of Gladewind, Mr. & Mrs. R. Kramer.

Green hunters—1. Biltmore's Pride, Ormond Biltmore Stables; 2. Beep Bop, Beatrice Baily; 3. Forester, Harry Whittaker; 4. Beau Kid.

Adults' English pleasure horses—1. China Princess, M. Clark; 2. Champ, Sally Head; 3. Lady Eloise, Peggy Elliott; 4. Winkie's Rex, Southwest Riding School.

Green hunters under saddle—1. Biltmore's Pride; 2. Beauregard, Harry Whittaker; 3. Beau Kid; 4. Forester, Harry Whittaker.

Working hunters—1. Biltmore's Pride; 2. Handall, Hobby Horse Stables; 3. Driftwood, 4. Beep Bop.

Open hunters—1. Biltmore's Pride; 2. Cat Boots; 3. Fox Fire; 4. Beau Kid.

English pleasure ponies—1. Dainty Flirt, Dixie Lily Stables; 2. Torch, Greynolds Park Stables; 3. Buster Brown, Tommie Longwell; 4. Tony Boy, Charlene Reidy.

Juveniles English pleasure horses—1. Champ; 2. Lady Eloise, Peggy Elliott; 3. Sterling Eagle, Jerry Jones; 4. Count Killarney, Nancy Leonard.

ASPCA horsemanship over jumps—1. Alice O. Frazer; 2. Laurie Ratliff; 3. Jorge deTuya.

Green hunter stake—1. Biltmore's Pride; 2. Beau Kid; 3. Beep Bop; 4. Forrester; 5. Butterscotch, Hobby Horse Farm; 6. Andino, Cuban Army & Navy Team.

Cuban cup, teams — 1. Hadacol, LillaGord Stables, Hudson Bay, LillaGord Stables, Sibanny; 2. Jack Daniels, Ratliff Stables, Dark Town, Ormond Biltmore Stables, Entry, Cuban Army & Navy Team; 3. Redwore, Lazy J7 Ranch, Big

Mills

CORRESPONDENT
Camille C. Durney

PLACE: Oakland, California.
TIME: February 5
JUDGE: Ted Schaps

SUMMARIES

Schooling over jumps—1. Touch of Greatness, Mills Riding School; 2. Auggie, Mrs. Franklyn Downton; 3. High Tide, Stefanie Zachar; 4. Sure Fire, Mrs. Jeannette Mott.

Elementary dressage—1. Auggie; 2. Pretty Soon, Trish Galvin; 3. Rum Punch, Mills Riding School; 4. Sure Fire.

Hunter hacks—1. Auggie; 2. Whiphorn, Mrs. Shreve Archer; 3. Chipper, Rosita Pellass; 4. So Big, Richard D. Collins.

Green hunters—1. The Doctor, Mrs. W. A. Swinerton; 2. Sure Fire; 3. Dun Question, Chan Turnley; 4. Mountain William, Pat Rukavina.

Novice hunters—1. Auggie; 2. Irish Fire, Patty Somers; 3. El Saltador, Mills Riding School; 4. So Big.

Green hunters—1. Touch of Greatness; 2. Reamus, Mrs. Harry Totten.

Novice jumpers—1. Easter Bunny, Dawn Smith; 2. Sauceee Countess, G & K Stables; 3. Skylark's Pride, Skylark Farms; 4. Wise Coach, Mrs. Jack Doran.

Equitation, 12-15—1. Patty Somers; 2. Susie Shea; 3. Maureen Cardinet; 4. Melanie Goldberg.

Equitation, 15-17—1. Pat Rukavina; 2. Judy Havas; 3. Bruce Johnson; 4. Joan Roberts.

Open working hunters—1. Sage Cock, Mills Riding School; 2. Tommy's Pride, Mills Riding School; 3. Sauceee Countess; 4. Brushraker, Ruth Dean.

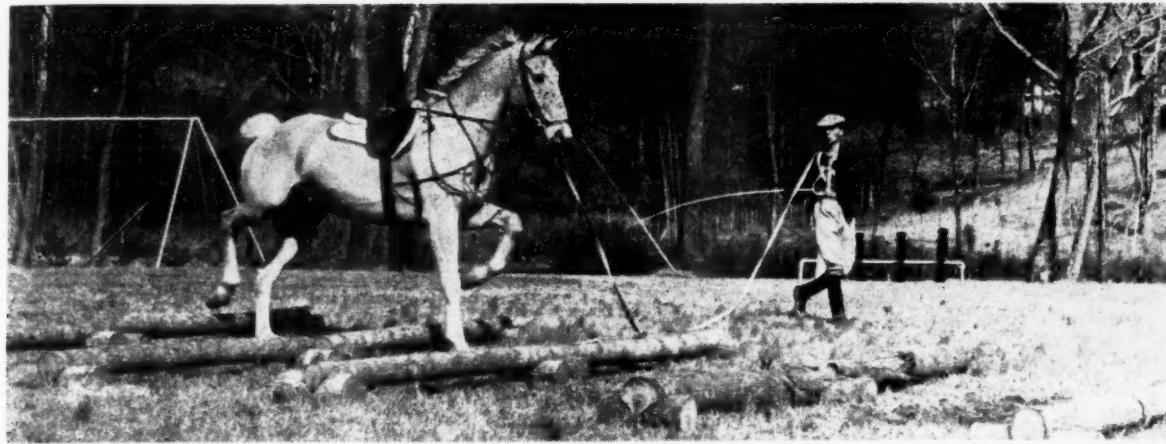
Open jumpers—1. Rum Punch; 2. Billy Whiskers, Reggie Scudder; 3. Anytime, Chris Borba; 4. Irish Fire.

Pleasure horses—1. Pretty Soon; 2. Gypsy Bay, Judy Havas; 3. Call Me Madam, Mills Riding School; 4. Chipper.

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OLYMPIC CANDIDATES AND HORSES AT TRYON TRAINING HEADQUARTERS — *Nautical*, owned by Hugh Wiley of Towson, Md., in U.S.E.T. international competition in 1955, works out over the cavaletti under the direction of the Prix de Nations coach, Captain Bert deNemethy.



EQUESTRIAN
TEAM
NEWS

**Steinkraus, Wiley, Morris
And Chapot Show Up
Well In Training**

The first test or "warm-up" for the Prix des Nations team headed for the Olympic Games' equestrian competition at Stockholm, Sweden, June 10-17, showed over the last weekend (March 3) that Bill Steinkraus, Hugh Wiley, George Morris and Frank Chapot and their own or borrowed mounts must be given serious consideration when the U. S. Equestrian Team's jumping squad is named two weeks hence.

Although nothing conclusive could be drawn from the initial 1956 test of American riders and horses working out here, Bill Steinkraus, 30, Westport, Conn., proved he was a veteran of international competition when he showed Bellair and Sortie Sundae off to good advantage over the jumps set up on Mr. and Mrs. Willis Kuhn's estate. Steinkraus, captain of the 1955 U. S. Equestrian Team, and a veteran of the 1952 Olympics in which our Prix team finished third, rode Sortie Sundae, loaned by Mrs. Eleanor Wells, Weathersfield, Conn., and Bellair, loaned by Joe Green, Lititz, Pa.

Hugh Wiley, 29, Towson, Md., on special leave from the U. S. Navy, and another veteran of the U. S. 1955 equestrian team, rode Trail Guide, a recently purchased U. S. E. T. horse from Texas. George Morris, 18, New Canaan, Conn., rode Magnify and Master William, both owned by Mr. and Mrs. William Joshua Barney, Jr., Fairfield, Conn., and loaned to the American equine jumping team by them. Morris also has his own Gigolo and War Bride in training.

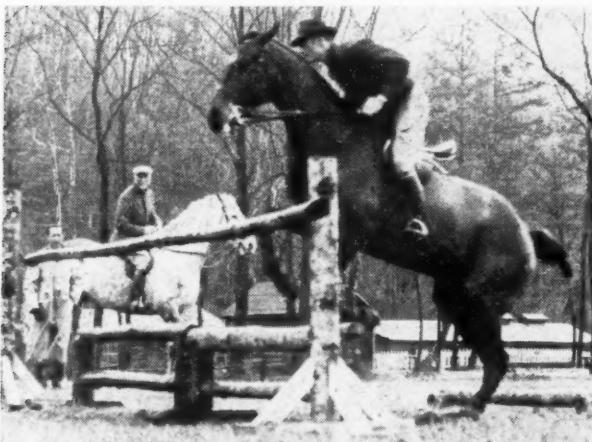
Frank Chapot, of Wallpack, N. J., on special leave from the Air Force, rode

On Leave, loaned by Fred Blum, Brooklyn, N. Y., and, with Steinkraus, Wiley and Morris, gave a good account of himself, official observers said.

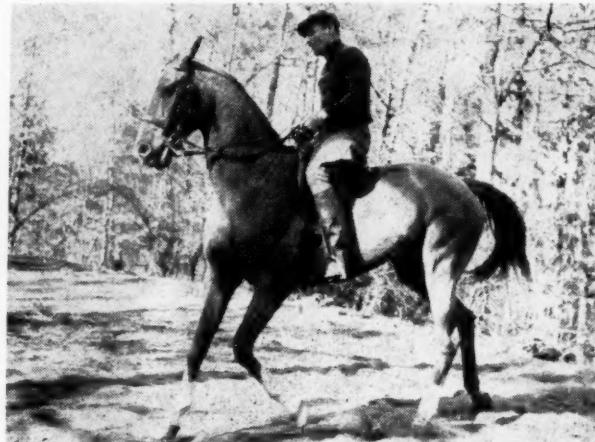
Charles Dennehy, Jr., 24, Lake Forest, Ill., a member of the 1954-55 teams; Tommy Bunn, Pebble Beach, Calif.; Dan Creary, Indianapolis; Burton Todd, Nesconset, N. J.; James Greene, Chicago and New York; Warren Wafford, Mifflord, Kan., and others are expected to demonstrate their skill as horsemen at the upcoming tests, making it difficult for the official judges to name four riders and eight horses which, as the official U. S. equine jump team, will fly overseas from New York April 2nd.

NAMED CAPTAIN

In recognition of his past achievements William Steinkraus of Westport, Conn., has been named Team Captain by the U. S. Equestrian Committee, but the other Team members and horses to represent the U. S. in the Prix des Nations division of the Olympic Equestrian Games will be selected at official trials, held on Saturday, March 10, Tuesday, March 13, Wednesday, March 14 and Friday, March 16. . . . H. H.



William Steinkraus, member of the U.S.E.T. since 1951, takes Night Owl over the cavaletti and a jump at Tryon's Harmon Field, training headquarters for the Prix de Nations team. Looking on are Capt. de Nemethy and Brig. Gen. J. Tupper Cole.



Major Robert Borg puts his dressage horse Bill Biddle through a passage at Tryon, N. C. Major Borg and the chestnut gelding are the United States' hope for honors in Grand Dressage at the Olympic Equestrian Games this year.

It has become increasingly difficult to find and buy top conformation show hunters. Conformation classes have become smaller and competition in the conformation division has been sharply reduced.

A real conformation hunter should be, at the same time, a good working hunter, a well mannered junior horse, a model, a Corinthian, comfortable following the hounds and a pleasant hack over bridle paths or hill topping and carry the weight of any family member from 75 to 200 pounds.

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owner of Hasty House Farm, stood in the stable area at Hialeah and explained it this way: "We used store bought horses."

Reuben, a Toledo, O., financier and real estate operator, always has his pockets jammed full of papers. A close inspection shows that these are race charts, past performances, speed records, etc.

The gimmick is that all of the papers concern other people's horses. Reuben picks out horses he would like to have. He handicaps them and figures out a price he would like to pay. Then he approaches the owner.

It might be added that he does a lot of bargain shopping. Reuben likes to spot a horse he thinks is not living up to its potential, or one on which the owner is "down" and might offer at what the Hasty House boss considers a bargain.

When the deal gets to this stage, Reuben calls his wife—Billie—and Harry

Trotsek, the nation's second ranking trainer. Trotsek is a master judge of racing soundness. Billie Reuben, who was a champion show ring performer before she quit riding, is an expert on conformation. If the three of them give the high sign, Reuben closes the deal.

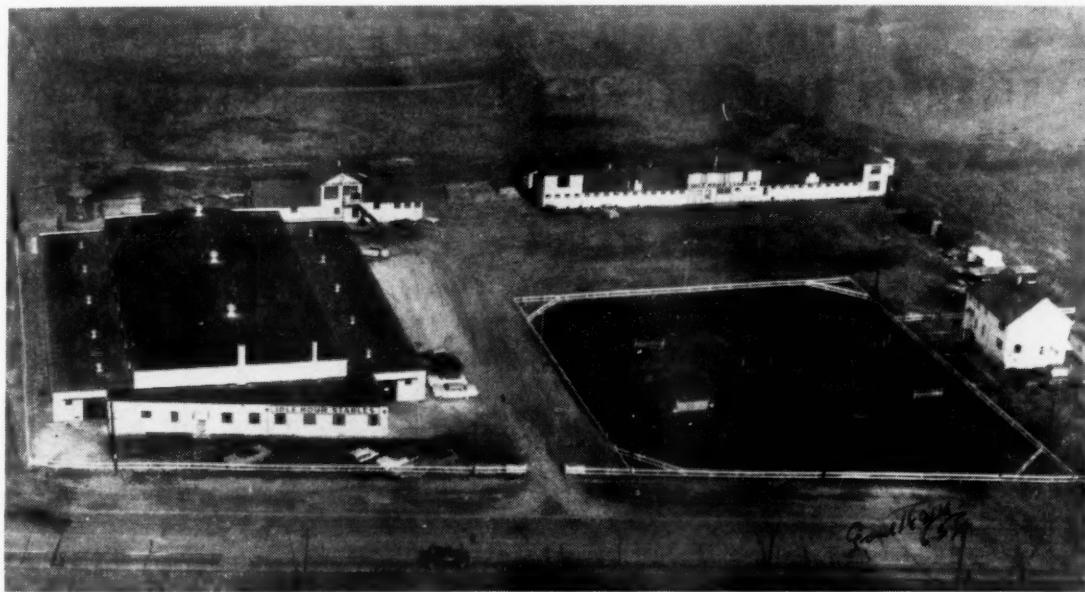
So far this system has paid off with such as Inseparable, a \$19,700 purchase who won \$112,250 for his new owners, and Platan who has won more than \$200,000 since his bargain purchase. After being purchased for comparatively moderate prices these horses won the following amounts for Hasty House in the same year: Seaward, \$110,200; Ruhe, \$63,650; Pomace, \$53,700; Platan, \$66,240 and Stan, \$29,050.

Reuben buys horses to fit races, too. He decides that races for two-year-olds seemed especially lucrative. That's how he finally began buying yearlings—untried baby racers—in 1952.

Reuben's first sales purchase was for \$23,100, a colt by Roman out of Traffic Court. He turned out to be Hasty Road who set an all-time money-winning record of \$277,132 as a two-year-old and

won the \$100,000 Widener at Hialeah in 1955. Needless to say, Reuben has been back to the yearling sales frequently, and the results include Queen Hopeful, 1953 juvenile filly champ, and Sea O Erin, who is at Hialeah after winning six stakes races in 1955. The Hasty House owner who started off his championship 1955 season by winning an unprecedented 13 races last winter at Hialeah, laughs nervously, however, when he thinks of what nearly happened to him in 1954. He got into competition on a colt by *Nasrullah—Lurline B. When the bidding hit \$75,000 Reuben dropped out and the youngster was finally sold for \$86,000. His name is Natur and so far he has won only one purse—for \$2,600.

Reuben thinks he will start the 1956 season off in the same manner at Hialeah with high hopes for his regular stars plus two brilliant yearling prospects—a *Royal Charger—Pin Up Girl colt that cost \$41,000 and a \$17,500 son of Ponder, the daddy of two-year-old champion Needles, favorite for Hialeah's \$100,000 Flamingo.



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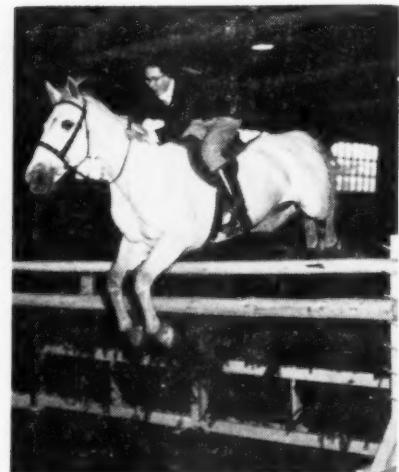
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PATCHES, (left) 5-year-old Pinto gelding, $\frac{3}{4}$ Thoroughbred, formerly a race track pony, which has been used as a jumper and equitation mount, was the winner of the high score award for maiden jumpers of Washington State for 1955. Rhea Shipley, age 14, of Spokane, Wash., is his owner, rider and trainer. **COMPASS RED** (center) Mrs. Maryon Gilpin up, high point award winner for open and maiden conformation hunter. **WAMPUS KITTY** (right) Betty MacLane up, the high point award winner for open jumping.

WASHINGTON STATE HIGH SCORE AWARDS FOR 1955 — The Washington State Horsemen's Annual Convention and banquet which terminates the horse show season, was held at the New Washington Hotel in Seattle. New officers were elected and the 1955 awards made.

Mr. Virgil McVickers of Richmond, was elected to fill the president's chair. Miss Yvonne McDonald of Bothell, was retained as vice president. She also added to her duties the editorship of the official publication "The Canter."

Two open hunters which showed could not be placed as they had not been registered for points to count. This resulted in the open and maiden hunter awards being much the same.

Summaries

Open conformation hunter — 1. Compass Red, Mrs. Maryon Gilpin, 28 points; 2. Jim's Mite, Jean Stanley, 25 points; 3. Bay Minx, Barbara Roth, 24 points.

Maiden conformation hunter — 1. Compass Red, 28; Jim's Mite, 25; Bay Minx, 24.

Open jumper — Wampus Kitty, Betty MacLane, 17 $\frac{1}{2}$; 2. Thunder, Mrs. H. E. Black, 121; 3. Rayhak's Rahawn, Dianne Black, 87.

Maiden jumper — 1. La Patches, Rhea Shipley, 35; 2. Thunder Storm, Harvey Miller, 27 $\frac{1}{2}$; 3. Compass Red, Mrs. Maryon Gilpin, 24 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Hunting seat equitation — 1. Libby Buch, 22; 2. Jean Penney, 18; Jean Stanley 18.

Forward Schooling (Conclusion)

V. S. Littauer

CROSS-COUNTRY

There is not much to add to what I have already said in other articles of this series concerning cross-country work, but a summary of all the previous suggestions may be helpful.

(1) Long periods of walking, occasionally asking for lengthened strides, help build up the horse's muscles. You should walk a great deal, particularly in the early stages of developing the colt's strength. These walks also stabilize the horse emotionally; they convince him that riding is not just "one mad rush."

(2) Walking and cantering over rolling terrain and, later, up and down gently sloping hills and occasionally steep ones, develop the balance of the horse and further build up his muscles. There is no better exercise, particularly when it is combined with jumping, to develop the real, the **serviceable** agility of your horse.

Jogging up easy inclines is an excellent exercise for developing a strong push of the hindquarters. Bear this in mind if you find that your horse doesn't give a sufficiently strong thrust with the hindquarters when taking off for an obstacle.

(3) Long, "ordinary" or even slow canters (maintaining an even speed)

build up the "wind" and tend to calm the horse, even for the time when the speed is increased to a gallop. Watch the breathing of your horse; it should determine the duration of the canter. Occasional gallops (18 to 20 m.p.h.), usually of short duration, are excellent for the engagement of the hindquarters and the free swing of the forehand. Never ask a faster gallop than the colt will perform calmly at the time.

(4) Jumping natural fences, **unexpectedly** encountered in the open country helps make a bold jumper.

Jumping up-and-down-hill will increase the "cleverness" of your horse over obstacles.

(5) Practicing the "special exercises for hunters" as well as the regular ring exercises across country accustom your future hunter to work in the conditions for which he is being prepared.

(6) Don't forget to make occasional halts, standing calmly and doing nothing for a couple of minutes; if these bore you, light a cigarette.

All the above practices, except the special exercises for hunters, are important or at least helpful in making a winning jumper who is sensible and pleasant to ride.

It is impossible, without knowing the individual horse, to give a hard and fast time schedule for cross-country work. Your own common sense, based on careful observation of how your horse takes the work both physically and emotionally, will be your best guide for the progression in schooling in general. However, in this respect the following notes on the "fatigue" of the horse may be helpful.

NOTES ON FATIGUE OF THE HORSE

Muscular fatigue

A fast walk maintained over a long period of time is very tiring.

A trot pushed to the limit is rather quickly fatiguing. If, in your actual cross-country riding (not schooling) you wish to go faster than 8 m. p. h. (the ordinary trot) you should canter.

Slow, collected gaits, in relation to the ground covered, demand disproportionately more energy from the horse than ordinary gaits.

A very fast walk, a trot really long strides, and semi-collected gaits should be used only as gymnastics and not as travelling gaits. The very fast as well as the semi-collected gaits should be developed gradually; any new movement, bringing new muscles into play, may hurt the horse if practiced too strenuously at the start.

Fatigue of the lungs

(closely related to fatigue of the heart)

At an ordinary walk the horse uses twice as much air as when standing still; at an ordinary trot four times as

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HUNTING

BUCKRAM BEAGLES

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The Buckram Beagles started the 1955-56 season with a pack that was more than half young entry; 7 1-2 couple of seasoned hounds and 8 1-2 couple of puppies. Since we have no way during the week to give the puppies their schooling with the proper proportion of older hounds to guide them, Sunday hunts are apt to be wild and unsettled if they are all taken out at once. But what Huntsman can withstand the demands to be taken hunting of desperately eager young hounds even though they should be left in the kennel for the benefit of all?

Opening Meet on October 16th. It was raining, slightly windy, and we took them all. Scent was good and the run around Winthrop's and Milburn's pastures in Westbury was so fast that the puppies had no chance to mishave.

The following week, October 23rd, was cool and sunny with catchy scent. The puppies got to go again and they had a great time for themselves, getting up five hare in Hickox's. Bingo, a big, strapping dog pup, was out on hare for the first time. I had been proclaiming his merits on cottontail loud and long as he was a good-nosed, line-claiming puppy when I had him home for training. On this day however, I guess the novelty of the prey was too much for him and he ran absolutely mute, his brow furrowed in concentration, then ended up killing the fifth hare single-handedly in the open. After giving the luckless corpse one shake, he dropped it disdainfully and went off to look for a good reliable cottontail in a thicket as the rest of the pack came screeching up from the rear. (He has since discovered the correction of the two species and does give tongue on hare).

On November 11th, Bishop, a blueticked pup and grandson of the immortal Gray's Linesman, showed he had a future by putting in a good hard day's

work on cottontail with older hounds. But Bewitch, fetching though she is with her big brown eyes and toothy smile, did nothing at all but wag her tail and chew sticks. Which reminds me of how irritated Tommie Allison, Meadow Brook Huntsman, used to get with Bluman and Blucap, a pair of tail-wagging, broad-grinning foxhound pups because all they ever did was chew sticks, always right beside him making such a racket he couldn't hear a thing!

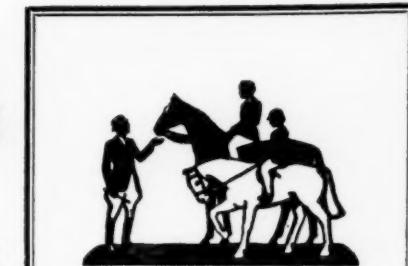
On Saturday, Nov. 19th, occurred the first phase of the annual Buckram-Sandanna Interchange, a hair-raising affair that is preceded by weeks of diabolical planning. Morgan Wing carefully herds all his hare up to the top of Thorndale Hill on the Oakleigh Thorne place in Millbrook, N. Y. and keeps them there until we arrive. Then he turns on either the rain or the snow—this year snow. Then he sits back (figuratively because Morgan runs like a gazelle) to watch the Buckram hounds jump one hare after another at the top of the hill, run it down to the bottom, and then turn around and run in all the way to the top again. (Thorndale Hill is about 6 miles high—a rough estimate). It gives him and his constituents particular pleasure to see level-country legs turn rubbery, pumping away over mile after mile of snow-choked upland (that's land that's always going up), while they trot light-heartedly beside on their own muscle-bound extremities. (They are all cordycalfed and some are even bow-legged after weeks of training for this event.) This time, we broke all existing records; six full times up Thorndale Hill (bottom to top) and two halves. That makes seven full times and the previous record was four. We would never have made it home if it hadn't been for the heart-warming tea at the Kent Leavitts' afterwards!

Sunday, Nov. 27th broke grey, raw, and 40ish. There was a very slight breeze easterly and throughout the afternoon scent seemed good running east and south, but poor running west and

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Walter Gupwell, huntsman to the Fernie (South Leicestershire, England) with the pack outside a covert. This pack is fed entirely on raw flesh.



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north. It was a great day spectator-wise even if not hound-wise.

The meet was at Winthrop's Farm Barns at 2:30 and Huntsman Conolly first drew south over Winthrop's cow pastures. Here hounds suddenly took off and ran a line along the pasture fence like a shot. They carried it across the road and lost it on the driveway opposite.

The second hare got up in Milburn's field and was run to view across the road. Here she ran up over Langley's field and into the woods where three hounds. Desperate leading and straining every fibre, ran her out again to view while the remainder of the pack went down through the woods on a cottontail led by Molly. After much confusion and collection of wits, not to mention hounds, at the next check, hounds were put on to an old farmer's (alcoholic?) view in the barn-yard but never did find again. Upon our return the old farmer was smiling to himself and reeling suspiciously.

Hounds jumped the third hare in Milburn's field and ran it due east, racing furiously across the green turf on a burning scent till they disappeared in the distance. It was a beautiful sight but it took a lot of hard running to close the gap between us and them. We caught up when they checked in Ambrose Clark's donkey paddock. Here Drama made the mistake of thinking the donkey's overtures were friendly and got soundly tromped on, fortunately without serious result. She is now donkey-broken. Hounds lost on the hard driveway nearby.

On Dec. 4th, Bellman, Bryn Mawr 15" Champion and a puppy still, distinguished himself by leading the entire pack through the woods in the pursuit of a hare in the Old Kennel territory that was eventually killed after a twenty-minute run, the pad going to Hoffman Nickerson whose birthday it was. (Beauty, our 13" Bryn Mawr Champion, had led the pack in the same way at Millbrook for a stretch on Nov. 19th, though I forgot to mention it. Naturally we are proud of them!)

On Jan. 1st we had a very good day's sport at Prytherch's. Scent was good on the thawed ground in the sun but patchy anywhere else. We ran one hare for two hours and 10 minutes and when we first got her up in the fallow field and observed her tracks in the snow down the edge of it, we were amazed at the size. Though a nice specimen, she didn't look worthy of the gigantic tracks she left. Herring boxes without topses would have suited her fine.

The line was along the south edge of the field and the wind was north. For the third time we observed the phenomenon that hounds could not honor the line at all, since the scent had blown into the hedgerow, until they struck a lane leading into it and there picked up the turn. They ran the line through thick growth and into a field bounded by an anchor post fence where confusion set in with people and hounds ending up on both sides of the fence at either end. We finally got out of there however and fresh found our hare in the upland western field, and ran it east along the other edge of the original field. Here the tracks were normal-sized and the Huntsman pointed out that the snow was wet on this side in the sun and

received the pad more neatly than the powdery snow in the shade on the other side.

This time the hare left her own country, ran right across the Golf Course, Chicken Valley Road, Arthur Youngs' cabbage field, Hegeman's Lane, down Anderson's back drive, through their fields, in a big loop right-handed to Akers', back of the old Bergquist place, and to a long check in Filasky's field. Just when we thought we had lost for good, the hare was surprised out of a hedgerow, and led us all the way back to Youngs' and down to the corner opposite the Clubhouse where we lifted hounds because traffic was fairly heavy on Chicken Valley Road. We vanned up at dusk when the first stars were appearing in the east.

The next day, Mon. Jan. 2nd, a bye day, was just as good and a large crowd of followers turned out for the uncarded meet at Devereux Milburn's Gate in Westbury.

The first hare took off from the grass field near Westbury Pond which was incredibly crammed with gay skaters and was forced to fly into Phipps' driveway to avoid them. The cry which rose in a crescendo from the pack as they hit it off strongly in the pine woods by the gate made the shrieking and laugh-

ing of the skaters seem muted by comparison.

Our second hare got up in Ambrose Clark's plowed field as the Meadow Brook Fox Hounds pursued a fox around the house east of us, but fortunately our game went west. (I was actually crazy to see what would happen if we ran east — would the foxhounds hark in to us or would the beagles hark in to them? Would one pack hunt the other? Or would they both flee in horror? Perhaps these questions are destined never to be answered. The Huntsman says he hopes so!)

On Sat. Jan. 14th occurred the second phase of the Buckram-Sandanona Interchange — Morgan and Anne Wing brought their pack down here. Unfortunately all our well-laid plans for them went astray when the meet had to be changed at the last minute from Winthrop's to Whitney's because the Meadow Brook Hounds were in the vicinity, and nothing unusual happened at all. In fact, the usual Whitney hare was found in the usual long cow pasture, ran her usual course to the tennis court, and lost hounds on the macadam driveways beyond as she usually does. A second hare gave them a slightly better run but scented pestered out after a scorching burst and when hounds had worried the line down

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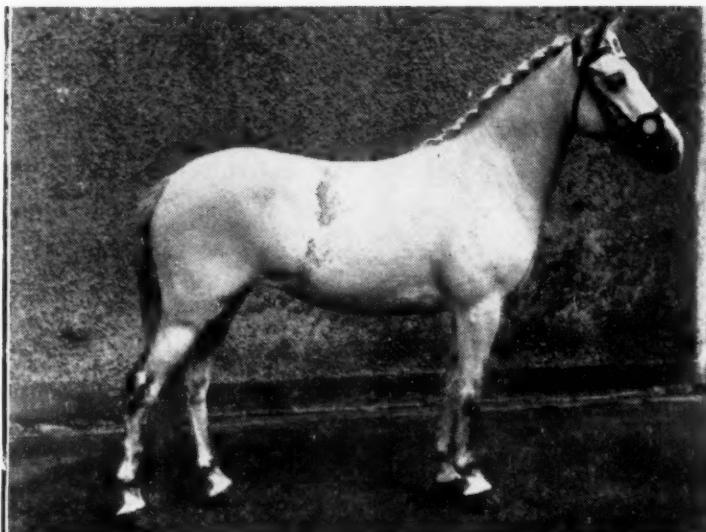
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Sun Cloud, Connemara pony mare, bred by Martin O'Malley, recently sold by Col. Hume Dudgeon of Dublin to Mrs. Bruce Read, East Pepperell, Mass. She won the class for registered Connemara pony mares at the 1955 Dublin Spring Show.

Buckram Beagles

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to the cow barn, we called it a day and retired to tea.

You might think that one of these exchanges of mutual admiration a year might be all we could stand, but just to prove we're made of finer stuff than that, we set up another one this year, and on December 11th, about 30 Buckrams went down to Tony Garvan's Penna. territory, and after a delightful luncheon in his fabulous new home arranged by his fabulous wife Jane, we pursued him and his sixteen-inch Little Prospect hounds for about three hours over as pretty a piece of country as you'd ever want to hunt — the 3000 acre Tyler farm. His hounds did some thrilling cottontail hunting along the stream-beds, but the foxes which Tony sought were not at home, so we ended a beautiful day by drawing homewards through the fields for hare, alas, they were sitting so tight in the snow we could not get one up. Nevertheless, we ended the day in high spirits as Tony's hounds are beautiful to watch and his calls in hunting them are unique.

On Sunday, Jan. 15th, the Little Prospecters (what else would you call them?) came up to hunt with the Buckrams, undaunted by the early snowfall which glazed the roads. I think they were glad they came because, although we tried to convince them that this was just an ordinary day at Buckram, we had to admit amongst ourselves later that it was a Great Day!

The scene was Marshall Field's 1700 acre estate on Lloyd Neck, reminiscent of the great hunt there last year when the hare took to the sea on the north side of the Neck. This time however, she chose the salt marshes of the inlet on the south side of the Neck to terminate her trail.

To begin at the beginning, she got up in the big pasture in back of the stable and hounds went off screaming. Scent was so good in the open that she took to the woods and ran in a loop to the wood pile and manure pile in the hollow. Here she did a nice double which

was unravelled by Moonlight and then took off across the pastures to the dairy. She ducked around the dairy, the walled garden beyond, through the orchard to the winter cottage, and on to the stable. Here she went into the courtyard through a gate and out by jumping up on the wall and squeezing out through the iron railing, then ran around the side and up the road where she was

headed by a child with a sled. Her doubling tracks were discovered by Mike Quinlan and Dorr Watkins and hounds were off again, running through the woods to the corral, across the pastures in front of the summer cottage, around to the honeymoon cottage, then doubled back to the main drive. Here she ran east and squeezed under a gate in the anchor post fence, crossed the road, and was lost in the salt marshes on the other side after two hours of hard running.

—Barbara H. Conolly

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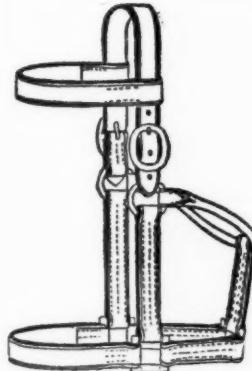
Thursday, February 9th provided one hour and forty minutes on a good running Red. The Field that day met at Burnsides, and the weather was warm and sunny. At one time during the run, the hounds had two foxes, but got together for the last forty-five minutes with this good-running Charles Henry. Hounds found in Dr. Sharpe's then proceeded through Mr. Simmons' to Mr. Brock's. Here our pilot turned back to Simmons' and went again through Dr. Sharpe's, to the Pig Farm. Next Charles proceeded across the meeting area known as "Gradyville", into Pickering Thicket, then through Locust Sprouts to Brown's Farm. Finally, hounds were called off here at a quarter to five. A celebration dinner for the Hunt Staff was held in honor of the occasion at the Rose Tree Inn.

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The Ringmaster

Mrs. Bart Mueller

About this time each year, there is a fight in the neighborhood. A certain youngster has to convince the fellas that his Dad is a full-fledged ringmaster. It was a little hard to take when he saw their awe and envy turn to disbelief as they watched him leave for the showgrounds. Where was the bright red coat, and the shiny black boots? Did he forget the big whip? Frankly even Bill felt his Dad could have been more spectacular. He had plenty of real Texas cowboy boots and shirts in his store—it "wouldn't have cost him anything" and they sure would look better than that ole' black and white suit and that bow tie!

As a spectator, you've probably noticed the tuxedo-ed gentlemen in the center of the ring, but do you know why he is there? Although his duties are definite, they vary considerably and it seems that each person has a different idea of what the ringmaster does. O'Neil Howell of Memphis has acted as an official at horseshows throughout the South, and has been ringmaster at the Germantown show since its beginning. When asked to list the qualifications he considered most important he quickly replied, "A pair of sound, tireless arches, the canine ability to 'heel' the judge, and the careful tact of a Democratic senator at the Republican Inaugural!" He accounted for the difference of opinion by pointing out that the ringmaster's duties would be defined by each participant according to his personal needs. It might be revealing to add these imaginary views to complete our picture; not always flattering, mind you, but should be interesting.

First, at any horse show, is the exhibitor. He is the man (or woman) who

brings those beautiful horses and the one who signs his most welcome signature on the check accompanying the entry form. This person expects, and rightly so, the ringmaster and other officials to see to it that he gets a fair chance to show before the judge. This means that only eligible (as specified in your program) horses and riders enter the ring and that the behavior of both horse and rider or driver be such that it does not hinder the activities of others in the ring. This may cover anything from unsportsmanlike actions, illness or sheer exhibitionism. We can never forget the gay abandon of the walking-horse rider who attempted to show Roman-Style,—standing uprights—well almost uprights—in the saddle. There are those of us who feel he would have made it, too, if the nosey ringmaster hadn't minded his business! There are times, however, when we're as grateful as those in the ring to see this gentleman extend his arms, palms down, thereby signaling "Walk" for, in some instances, this restrains ring activity long enough for some showman to regain control of his horse. A run-a-way in the showring is a terrifying thing to watch—especially frightening if it occurs during the children's class. Needless to say every person cooperates to prevent such things.

So far, we've pictured our exhibitor with only the warmest regard for our man in the center of the ring. Alas, this is not always true! A horseshow is not unlike a baby show: participants' feelings toward officials may vary in direction and intensity to their numerical placement at the end of each class. Their up-bringing may forbid comment, their sense of sportsmanship might

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Limestone Creek Hunt Junior Hunt, (Drag)

For the past five years one day of the week during hunting season has been set aside for the Juniors. Many have graduated to the regular Fixture dates. Some of the graduates still hunt with the Juniors as senior councillors. The field averages about twenty-five.

As it should be, in the nature of things, there is a non-jumping field of Juniors with a "graduate councillor Field Master". Where there is a ride-out near a not too difficult fence those who have come along sufficiently in their weekly classes are encouraged to take it. As a result the, "non-jumping", field is far from static.

Ted Roulston, of the Cold Creek Stables, and Jane Farrell, both of whom operate both boarding and livery barns, enthusiastically teach the hunting seat, jumping, the whys and wherefors of riding to hunt, and a general knowledge of the horse. A few times during the year one or both of the Joint Masters talk at a Junior meet—in general confining their remarks to hounds and hound work.

The Junior Staff hunt the hounds themselves. The supervision in the field is ably taken care of by two of the Senior Hunt's Honorary Whippers-In, Ted Roulston, and Bruce Ross. They confine their activity to being inconspicuous unless needed, such as in case of a tumble or riot the Junior staff can't handle. The Joint M. F. H., Mr. Thompson usually drives the hound truck to the meet, but purposely stays afoot. Past experience leads us to believe that the best way to gain a knowledge of hounds and hunting is to have the responsibility for them in the field.

The Juniors have their own elected officers, and pay small dues to their treasury. They have an advisory committee made up of parents. They use the clubhouse for breakfasts, parties, and meetings at which there is usually a great din caused by a whip cracking contest and embryo Masters and Huntsmen blowing the horn.

Junior day has been a delighted addition to our schedule and has added enthusiastic members to our regular field. Increasing Junior interest promises a bright future. . . . E. B. F. & M. T.



(Sherman Sable Studio)

Hounds meeting for the Limestone Creek Junior Hunt (Manlius, N. Y.) at Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Digney's Woodchuck Hill Farm. (L. to r.): Nancy Kinney, whipper-in; Jean Porter, huntsman; Alice Marie Aylsworth, whipper-in; the Field, with Judy Pfiffer, Field Master; Lindsay Michaels, whipper-in; Jed Nelligan, whipper-in.



(Hawkins Photo)

THE MASON MOUNTAINS small pony race at the Rappahannock Hunt Point-to-Point — the winner was Captain J. B. Bentley's Charmaine, ridden by Beverly Harrison. The second pony (blazed face) is Farnley Babette, ridden by Jerry Binns and owned by Fox Hollow Stable.

The Ringmaster

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even muster a smile, their common sense may wage a bitter fight, but the only one who rides out of that ring loving the horserace officials is the one with the blue ribbon. It's a funny thing, there is no individuality among exhibitors—They all want tack rooms decorated with the same predominant color: Blue and something-or-other.

To the ribbon girls a ringmaster is a severe black and white background to show off properly the fragile beauty of their evening gowns, an extended arm on which they gracefully lean as they trudge— ankle-deep in mud or dust—to the center of the ring. He is, sometimes, the annoying obstacle that keeps moving between them and the cameraman when the picture is about to be snapped.

Little trophy-givers, of both varieties, have the fondest memories of the strong arm which boosts them to a comfortable height for handing over that awkward shiny stuff to the rider. They welcome the reassuring voice that whispers a word of encouragement, the dependable feet that manage to stumble aside as a fractious horse tries to prove his versatility by simultaneously accepting honor as a jumper while exhibiting his qualifications for Rodeo.

The announcer and the judge are apt to consider the ringmaster as hand or arm motion that must be visible at all times so there will be no error in calling the gaits as the judge wants them. The hand must, also, be capable of making little marginal notes, deciphering the judges' greatly marked-over list of the winners of the class.

These two officials are mentioned at the same time, as our ringmaster's efforts are the connecting link between the two. The judge must attempt the impossible feat of carefully watching every horse in the ring. If he had to look around for the ringmaster each time he requested a change in gait—well, you can see how a strait jacket might well become the standard dress! Since the whole production is staged toward these climactic decisions, it is important that the announcer be informed quickly and accurately.

The skill and experience of the other officials can easily be lost without the coordination furnished by an alert ringmaster; the exhibitor cannot adequately show his horse if he senses confusion in the ring; nor can the spectator enjoy a slow, poorly-executed performance.

thought the French Steeplechase succeeded admirably.

Sincerely,
Evelyn Prescott
Tuxedo Park
New York

Read With Interest

Dear Sir:

Your recent editorial on the Veterinarian has been read with extreme interest and gratification. Our present day veterinarian is a scientist in the true sense of the word. He is required to spend the same number of years in preparing for his degree as is required of the general practitioner M. D., and I personally am in complete agreement with you that there is still too much of the old "horse doctor" attitude in the minds of our general public. I will admit that some thirty years ago the veterinarians' income primarily came from horses and vaccinating hogs. However, today he is a diagnostician **par excellence** — for as the old saying goes, you can ask a human where the pain is and expect an answer, but you can't ask an animal that question and expect an answer. Very much your editorial is appreciated in the interest of the veterinarian and better animal health.

Thanking you, I remain.

Sincerely yours,
True Davis, Jr.
President
Animal Health Institute
Des Moines, Iowa

Letters To The Editor

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the angle made it hard to tell whether your horse had lost or gained ground so your excitement was sustained until they turned again.

The plain 'Courses de Haies' were something else again, and I always thought quite unpopular. The hedges were so small and thin that the horses could really slide through them. They were certainly no test for a jumper and were more like a flat race with monotonous bumps along the course.

While variety is very important, you certainly don't want the courses so stiff that the bettor thinks he's likely to lose his horse in a fall, and yet, you do want to give him a sight worth watching. I



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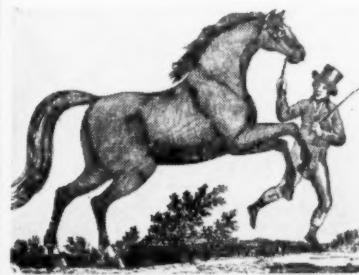
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POLO



Huntington (L. I.) Polo Club Wins Sherman Memorial Tournament

Bill Briody

Paced by Vince Rizzo's nine goals, the Huntington (L. I.) Polo Club won the annual Sherman Memorial handicap polo tournament for the third straight year by defeating the Long Island Hurricanes, 16 to 6, in the final round match at the Squadron A Armory on Saturday night, March 3.

The Huntington trio of Abe Wagner, Ray Koch and Vince Rizzo took a 5-2 lead in the first period and the Hurricanes never drew close. Koch hit four goals for Huntington, while Wagner stroked two.

Huntington led by 8-4 at half-time and capped its attack with a five-goal flourish in the fourth period. In the first game of the March 3 card, the Squadron A side of George Haas, Phil Brady and Bill Westerlund topped Long Island, 11-9.

In the Sherman semi-finals on March 1, Huntington topped the New York A. C., 11-2, while the Hurricanes moved into the last round by halting the Brookville Turtles, 9-5.

Wagner, with five goals, and Vince Rizzo with four, headed Huntington. The New York A. C. failed to score a goal in the second half. Joe Schwartz showed the way with seven goals in the Hurricanes' success over Brookville.

On Feb. 28, the Hurricanes whopped the Cornell Whites, 13-5, and the New York A. C. turned back Ithaca, 8-4, in Sherman matches. Schwartz was the Hurricanes' star with eight tallies.

February 28

Lineups

Hurricanes	Cornell Whites
1. Kowalsky	Cyrus
2. Schwartz	Rice
3. Rice	Toro
Long Island, Hurricanes	3 4 2 4—13
Cornell Whites	2 1 2 0—5
Goals	—Kowalsky 4, Schwartz 8, by penalty No. 1, 1; Cyrus 2, Toro, by handicap 1, by pony 1. Referee—John Rice.

Lineups

New York A. C.	Ithaca
1. Rosche	Saturn
2. Colt	Page
3. Rizzo	Roberts
New York A. C.	1 3 3 1—8
Ithaca	1 0 1 2—4
Goals	—Rosche 3, Colt 2, Rizzo 3, Roberts 2, Page, by handicap 1. Referee—John Rice.

March 1

Lineups

Huntington	New York A. C.
1. Wagner	Rosche
2. Koch	Colt
3. V. Rizzo	D. Rizzo
Huntington	2 2 4 3—11
New York A. C.	1 1 0 0—2
Goals	—Wagner 5, V. Rizzo 4, Koch 2, Rosche, Colt. Referee—John Rice.

All Stars Defeat Aurora 8 to 5 In Aiken Match

The All Stars defeated Aurora in a thrilling polo game played at Whitney Field, Aiken, S. C., Sunday, March 4, before a crowd of 3,000 people. The game was played for the Francis P. Garvan Trophy, (played for in Aiken for some thirty years) and was marked by just about everything that could happen in a polo match.

The game opened with Mike Wacker scoring on a back hand shot and in the second period Jack Ivory scored for the All Stars; later in the second period Ivory's pony kicked a goal in to make it 3 to 0. Lewis Smith belted a 60 yard penalty shot in the third period and Seymour Knox took a pass from his son, Northrup to add another goal for Aurora. This period was marked by the brilliant work of Seymour Knox who came up with a pass from Lewis Smith to tie the score.

The All Stars came back in the second half when Lewis and Ivory scored to make it 5 to 3. The Aurora team got into the picture when Bo Baker scored. Then "Pete" Bostwick showed fine skill and sent one through the uprights for the All Stars. Lewis Smith then hit a long hard ball for Aurora and Mike Wacker put the game on ice for the All Stars, with the final score reading 8 to 5.

Devereux Milburn, Jr. making his first appearance this year in Aiken did a flip when his pony fell in a very unusual spill. Mr. Milburn and the pony came out of it without a scratch.

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A modified version of polo called "country polo", (in The Country, March 9 issue) has been played this past Autumn on the Southbury (Conn.) farm of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Kellogg and plans to continue the sport next season have been made. Among the players who took part were, l. to r.: Schuyler Thomson; S. Napier Smith; Miss Ann Braun; Charles Kellogg; Mrs. Thomson, Danny Wallace; and Mrs. Smith

Friends of Sydney R. Smith, present secretary and former MFH of the Old Chatham Hunt Club, will be interested in knowing that during more than one game all three of his children and son-in-law and daughter-in-law were on the field at once. These were Daphne Smith Kellogg of Southbury, S. Napier Smith of New Haven and Camilla Smith of New York, and Charley Kellogg and Ann Coffinberry Smith. The others in the original group of eight which started "the ball rolling" are Don Wallace, former manager of a number of polo clubs in the East who now is boating editor of The New Haven Register; and J. Schuyler Thomson and his wife, Melissa (Pell) Thomson of Southbury.

Guests who played in one or more games included Anne Braun of New Haven, a Chronicle correspondent; Mrs. Jean Wright of New York, Mrs. Richard Tillman of Norwalk, and Polly and Nancy duPont, young daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen duPont of Southbury.

All Stars vs. Aurora

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Lineups	
All Stars	Aurora
1. Wacker	Baker
2. Bostwick	S. Knox, Sr.
3. Ivory	N. Knox
4. Lewis III	L. Smith
Devereux Milburn.	

Cavaliers Lose to Yale

Ann Braun

Dick Riemschneider, the University of Virginia's alert and powerful back from Milwaukee, pushed, poked, and pounded his way to a seven-goal total in a losing cause, as the Bulldogs of Yale University downed the Wahoos 11-8 before a packed Junior Prom Weekend crowd at the Yale Armory on March 3.

Eli captain Joe Williams of Camden, S. C., shared scoring honors with six goals for his team's cause, some of which left the spectators gasping. One shot in particular in the first chukker was an offside backhand from midfield that looped over the heads of all players and landed plunk in the goal mouth.

The game was marked by hard riding, some spectacular scoring shots on both sides, and a general all-out fighting effort that brought a delighted crowd cheering to its feet at the final bell.

Virginia led 2-0 on goals by Riemschneider and Gerst in the opening minutes, before the Yale attack organized and banged home five, two each by Mike Poutiatine of Loudonville, N. Y., and Pete Jackson of Tuscarora, Nev., plus Williams' "gasper".

The visitors gained ground in the second chukker as Riemschneider tallied four times to the Bulldogs' three. The half-time totals were 8-6 in favor of the Els.

Riemschneider opened the second half scoring when his No. 4 penalty free shot sneaked into a corner of the Yale goal. However, Yale opened up a commanding lead with three more tallies in the chukker.

The fourth chukker saw the first incidence at the Armory in some years of a No. 1 penalty, as a Cavalier cross in the goal mouth was judged by referee Charley Kellogg as preventing a certain Bulldog goal. Poutiatine and Williams added a goal apiece, against Riemschneider's final tally of the game, and the contest concluded at 14-8.

The summary:

Yale	Virginia
1. Jackson	Rocca
2. Williams	Gerst
3. Poutiatine	Riemschneider
Scoring: Yale—Williams 6, Poutiatine 4. Jackson 3, No. 1 penalty.	
Virginia—Riemschneider 7, Gerst.	
Score by periods:	
Yale	5 3 3 3—14
Virginia	2 4 1 1—8
Referee: C. W. Kellogg.	

Columbia (S. C.) Quartet Loses To Team from Va.

Malarkey Wall, Mike Jackson, Dick Riemschneider of the University of Virginia joined Zenas Colt of New York on February 26th, in Columbia S. C. to defeat the Columbia polo team 7 to 5 before a very large and enthusiastic crowd.

The visiting team was spotted four goals in view of the stiff competition and the fact that the four had never practiced together.

Carl Harrison led the Columbia team in spectacular offensive malletwork as indicated by four well placed scores in the third and fourth chukkers. Tom Matlack accounted for the only other Columbia goal.

Harrison's fourth goal tied up the game 5-5 in the fourth period; however Zenas Colt led his boys to victory by putting two more goals through to give the visitors a 7-5 victory. The final chuk-

ker was filled with fast polo and many near misses by the University team.

—W. C.

Lineups

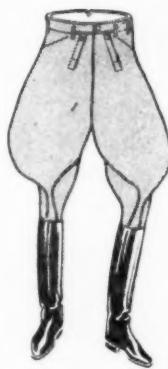
Columbia	Virginia
1. Manning	Wall
2. Matlack	Riemschneider
3. Harrison	Colt
4. Manning	Jackson

Scoring—Columbia: Matlack 1, Harrison 4. Virginia: Colt 3, by handicap 4. Virginia — 0 0 1 2—7 (4 by handicap) Columbia — 0 0 3 2—5

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Polo History Made in Peru

Evelyn Prescott

This December the Brazilian team of the "Sociedad Hipica Paulista" returned last August's visit of a Peruvian side, with most astonishing results. Three games were played altogether, but the most surprising was that played against Peru's "Talandracas" (Fernando Reusche, Guillermo Weise, Oscar Berchemeyer and Joe Valle). None of the sports analysts had given "Talandracas" a chance. Here was a 12-goal team confronting an 18-goal team which included men of long experience in international play, led by the 8-goaler Laerte Asumpcão.

Possibly overconfidence on the part of the Brazilian team had something to do with the result. In any case Peru's Talandracas was out for revenge and started off at such a fast pace that they took the side from São Paulo completely by surprise. Sampaio, Novais and Sestini were playing with Laerte, but were completely disconcerted when Talandracas scored within the first 15 seconds. Without giving the Brazilians a chance to regain their breath, the Peruvians kept right on to build up a score of 11 1-2 to 0 by the half.

There was little doubt in the spectator's minds that they were watching a 25-goal team instead of one rated at 12. Talandracas was perfectly synchronized and functioned with never an error or moment's hesitation, neither giving nor asking any quarter. Each man seemed worth double his handicap; Reusche was unbelievable, scoring 8 of the 12 goals with deadly accuracy; Berckemeyer was a furious lion at defense and never missed an opportunity to take the offensive; while Wiese and Valle never let up their labors for a second.

In the second half the Brazilians did somewhat better, scoring one goal in each period but Talandracas kept right on to add another five and gain a final score of 16 1-2 to 3 (4 1-2 by handicap).

The Brazilian captain, Laerte Asumpcão, sportingly admitted that it was a well earned victory for the Peruvians; the ponies loaned to them were excellent and responded at every moment while the ground itself was magnificent.

Argentinians To Play in Peru

Peruvians are now looking forward to the arrival of the world's strongest polo team "Venado Tuerto": 37-goals worth of Cavanagh and Alberdis; the team which last won the Cup of the Americas for Argentina against the United States in 1950. Peru's crack player Antonio Grana Elizalde will undoubtedly be playing and Argentina's internationally famed "Jack" Nelson is bringing along 14 ponies to reinforce the Peruvian "La Quebrada" team.

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20 Weeks of 'Chasing Planned For 1956 As Sport Makes Comeback

United Hunts Racing Association officials, looking confidently ahead to at least 20 weeks of major track steeplechasing and hurdle racing in 1956, climaxed by the world's richest \$50,000 Temple Gwathmey Memorial Handicap in New York in late October, seem assured of increased purses, higher attendance and heavier wagering based on marked gains in such categories in 1955. The sport's second year of comeback appears to be carrying with its own "second wind".

The season's inaugural March 17th at Southern Pines, N. C., in the Stoneybrook Races will be followed by 25 days of racing spread over about 20 weeks of hunt meetings as set up by the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association headed by S. Bryce Wing.

Four weeks that include major league steeplechasing will get underway at Belmont Park starting May 14th, followed by three weeks starting June 11th at Delaware Park, which this year has added an extra week of brush, hurdle and 'chasing. Monmouth Park, headed by Amory L. Haskell, who is also president of United Hunts, is planning three or more weeks of racing which will include this track's usual quota of hurdle events beginning about July 10. Saratoga, starting August 6th, will have four weeks that include steeplechasing, followed by the return of the jumpers to New York for the season's wind-up covering at least another month.

Membership in the United Hunts, which is proud that it has never missed giving a race meeting since its founding in 1905, has kept pace with the over-all sport's upsurge by registering a current total of 1,600 members as compared with 1,100 a years ago, according to Mr. Haskell.

Applications for stalls for jumpers have reached a new high in his experience, according to Jack Cooper, race secretary and handicapper for the NSHA, with the quality as well as quantity of the horses hitting a new top.

Although all other major track meetings in New York state in 1955 showed decreases in attendance and other categories (Aquaduct showed an increase but it may be accounted for by an extra day of racing in 1955 over 1954), the United Hunts meeting at Belmont, Oct. 20-21, chalked up gains in public pools and gross receipts as well as attendance.

Purses distributed for steeplechasing at major tracks last year totaled \$725,075 as compared with \$673,720 in 1954. While this gain was made possible principally by the \$35,000 increase in the value of the Temple Gwathmey, raised to \$50,000 added by United Hunts and continued this year, additional gains in purses for other 'chase events are expected to be announced shortly.

The trend established in 1954 and 1955 in which favorites in jumping events won more frequently than those on the flat was expected to continue in 1956, thus increasing wagers placed on races over obstacles and further eliminating the disproved theory that it was poor judgement to bet on the jumpers.

A total of 442 horses competed in jumping events last season, which a recent check shows means each horse starting had the opportunity of winning at least \$1,863 for the year as compared with \$1,809 in 1954. While total purses at major tracks totaled \$725,075 (as in second paragraph above), grand total purses, including those at hunt meets, reached \$823,633 in 1955 and is the figure on which this paragraph's computation is based. Grand total purses in 1954 reached only \$763,495.

Forward Schooling

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much; at an ordinary canter just slightly more than a trot, and at a full gallop more than twelve times as much as when standing. In the course of schooling, the wind of the horse, like his muscles, should be gradually developed.

Mental fatigue

A colt still unaccustomed to it is easily bored by the routine of ring exercises; remember this in the early stages of schooling. However, the horse, as a creature of habit, likes routine in general, and once he is used to the routine of a certain schooling program he prefers it to frequent, rapid and unexpected changes of gaits, speeds and movements. These are rather the pleasure of riders than of horses; erratic riding upsets a horse. However, the horse can gradually learn to respond calmly to a reasonable amount of the unexpected.

A horse is often wrongly called "sour", with the implication that this is the result of a mental or emotional condition, while the actual causes of his rebellion may be purely physical. For instance, more often than not, a horse starts to refuse in jumping not

because he is mentally tired of the repetition but because he is really physically tired. A trainer cannot afford to think loosely; he should always differentiate between physical and mental or emotional fatigue.

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POSTHUMOUS GLORY

Blue Swords leads the 2-year-old sire list for 1955 in number of winners with 14. Although this great sire died recently at Allen T. Simmons' Idle Hour Farm, Lexington, Ky., his son, Blue Man, carries on this sire line at Idle Hour.

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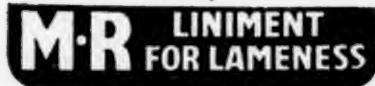
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(John Nestle Photo)

Baron Boyneburg, (left) who conducted the tour. The Lipizzaner brood mares of the Spanish Riding School and their dark colored foals outside the stud farm at Piber.

Riding in Austria

John Nestle

Austria has long been associated with winter sports, but after an enjoyable riding tour through the country, I realised how suitable the province of Carinthia is for a holiday of this kind.

Recently riding tours have become extremely popular as a way of spending a holiday in the British Isles, and it will not be long before some enthusiasts start looking for a riding holiday that is different and which takes place on the continent. Without hesitation I can recommend the tour I was invited to join last September.

Sir Herbert Brittain, K. C. B., K. B. E., and a party of horse lovers, left London on the first Sunday in September and crossed to Ostend via Dover. We then boarded the Sapphire Express, which took us with speed and comfort to Aachen, enjoying an excellent dinner on the train. There was sufficient time at Aachen for a short stroll in the town before changing into a sleeping car for the night journey to Salzburg, where we arrived after breakfast. The party left Salzburg in two Estate cars, for a thrilling and interesting drive over the Grossglockner high Alpine road, which climbs farther and farther up the mountainside and enables you to see some of the best Alpine scenery in Europe.

We stopped at Bruck near Zell-am-See for lunch and Iselberg for tea, both villages of considerable antiquity, before we arrived safely at Klagenfurt for dinner and a comfortable night's rest. After a restful morning spent in Klagenfurt, where experience soon showed the good value of the Austrian schilling (you get 100 of them for approximately £1-7s-5d), we were introduced to our horses in the afternoon; everyone was glad to ride for at least two hours in the sunshine, after our journey across the continent. The main problem was to find the right horse to suit each individual person—it is a most extraordinary fact that some horses and riders get on well together from the start, while others take a day or two before they really understand each other.

Baron Boyneburg was in charge of the horses and proved a most efficient escort.

The following day we left Klagenfurt, riding to Pötschach for lunch. The inn here is of considerable beauty, and inspired the famous composer Brahms to finish his Second Symphony in these surroundings. The horses enjoyed a 3 hour rest, after which we rode back to Klagenfurt in sunshine, crossing beautiful fields and bridle roads, with glimpses of lakes full of water lilies and with the Alps as a background standing out against the blue sky and white clouds. Sir Herbert Brittain remarked that the country we saw that day was a mixture of Switzerland, France and the Scottish Highlands.

After seeing our horses comfortably bedded down for the night in the Army Barracks at Klagenfurt, by kind permission of the C. O., there was time for a quick drink and a change before being driven to the castle of Count Goess, where we enjoyed delicious Austrian food and wines as a most suitable conclusion to a happy day.

The following day we left Klagenfurt at 9:00 a.m. and arrived at Grafenstein for lunch, which was served in the courtyard of the inn. The Mayor of the village was waiting at the inn to welcome the party, and in his speech assured us that if Austria ever again had to be occupied, he would like it to be by the British Army!

After those kind words, and a cheerful party at lunch-time we left Grafenstein and rode on to Klopein. Here there is a beautiful lake, where the water is really warm enough for bathing until the end of September, and it was not long before some of our party were sun-bathing or swimming. Klopein was popular with everyone, and it is planned that future riding tours will spend two nights instead of one in this village, in order to enjoy the bathing and boating. The lake has a particular charm in the moonlight!

After a quiet and restful night, we left Klopein in the afternoon of the following day. Our route took us through pine forests, until we arrived at the old town of Bleiburg; the inn where we stayed for the night was over 300 years old. The town itself is situated only a short

distance from the frontier of Yugoslavia.

After breakfast we set off for Griffen, a village dominated by the ruins of a strategic castle. The ride along the bridle paths and through pine was most enjoyable. There were wild deer to be seen, which were smaller in size than the deer which graze peacefully in our Royal Parks.

After lunch at Griffen, we rode to St. Andra for the night, and the following morning were guided by two local riding enthusiasts, Mrs. Pirker, wife of the Director of the Agricultural College of Carentia, and Mr. Stromberger who rode a pure bred Lipizzan stallion. There were no roads on this route to Wolfs-

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AN EVALUATION OF THE RED FOX by Thomas G. Scott. Urbana, Illinois, State of Illinois, Department of Registration and Education, Natural History Survey Division. Biological Notes No. 35, 1955, pp. 16., illus.

This is a scientist's evaluation of the red fox. As a good scientist considering the fox in all its aspects, Mr. Scott gives due weight to its value in the field of sport. Of course he deals also with fox population and environment, with predation, disease, bounties, fur, and nature study. He gives particular attention to the economic position of the red fox, recommending the encouragement of an increased use of foxes for sport hunting; educating bird shooters to improve bird feed and cover, rather than killing foxes; elimination of bounties; anti-rabies laws, especially the compulsory vaccination of dogs; and increased attention by game managers to preserve a balanced red fox population. The pamphlet is very well illustrated and should be read by everyone interested in preserving foxes.

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THE SANKT GEORG ALMANACH 1955. Edited by Richard A. Abe. Published by Verlag, Sankt Georg, Ostrasse 119, Dusseldorf, Germany.

Sankt Georg is a monthly magazine which is the principal German periodical dealing with horses. Every year it publishes an annual which is among the best of its kind being printed on good quality coated paper, attractively bound in cloth and profusely illustrated. The issue for 1955 contains a series of articles on the C. H. I. O. Show at Aachen which included the World's Jumping Championship won by the German contestant, Hans Winkler. There are also articles devoted to dressage events; to racing including the German Derby; and on coaching. There are several worthy articles on horse breeding in Germany including Thoroughbreds and the various breeds of light and heavy horses. Also included is an article on the Norwegian pony. Whether or not one is familiar with the German language, the illustrations alone make the book a desirable addition to anyone's library.

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Blue Ridge

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was brought on to win with Dark Secret placing over By George.

Between the second and third races the Virginia Field Hunter Championship was held with sixteen riders representing nine Virginia hunts. Last year's winner, Mrs. George P. Greenhalgh, Jr., acted as Field Master and

the "field" followed her over fair hunting country. The only casualty in the event was one of Blue Ridge Hunt's representatives, M. F. H. Alexander MacKay-Smith who fell off Hampton over the in of the in-and-out, the final jump in the course. The judges selected six members for the final judging and their selection was Miss Elizabeth Guest's Love's Hope, ridden by Peter Drinkwater who was also a representative of Blue Ridge Hunt. Thus this hunt will again be host next year at the championship trials. In for reserve was owner-rider Alexander Rives on Wedgewood from the Keswick Hunt.

SUMMARIES

THE CLIFTON CUP, ladies race, abt. 3 mi. over a fair hunting country. For horses which have been regularly and fairly hunted during the current season. Trophy to winner. Winner: b. g. (9) by Swing and Sway—Tragedy, by Swashbuckler. Breeder: J. Fisher, Jr.

1. (disq.) "Fast," (George Ohrstrom, Jr.), Miss Bunny Porter.

2. (disq.) Redmond, (Leon Greenaway), Miss Jennifer Skelton.

3. Sohrab, (Miss Kathleen McKinney), Miss Kathleen McKinney.

Only three started. Scratched: Salt, Stop Order, Curist, Irish S. B.

SANDY BALDWIN MEMORIAL, novice race, abt. 3 1-2 mi. over a fair hunting country. For horses which have been regularly and fairly hunted during the current season and which have never won a race over jumps. Trophy to winner. Winner: ch. g. (6) by Nordlicht.

1. Norsud, (J. P. McCormick), Mr. Laddie Murray.

2. Mighty Casey, (Mrs. Earl Wilhelm), Mr. E. Wilhelm.

3. Magic Harp, (Mr. and Mrs. S. Heuer, Jr.), Mr. Phil Fanning.

Only three started. Scratched: Salt, Nordame, Comin' M'am, Dark Secret.

VIRGINIA FIELD HUNTER CHAMPIONSHIP, Champion-Love's Hope (Miss Elizabeth Guest), Mr. Peter Drinkwater (Blue Ridge Hunt.), Mr. Rives (Wedgewood (Alexander Rives), Mr. A. Rives (Keswick Hunt.).

COMBINATION HUNTER RACE, abt. 3 1-2 mi. over a fair hunting country. Minimum weight 175 lbs. For horses which have been regularly and fairly hunted during the current season. Trophy to winner. b. g. (6) by "Refugee" June Lee, by General Lee. Breeder: Vernon H. Miller.

1. Hand Money, (Thomas Taylor), Mr. Russell Dart.

2. Dark Secret, (J. K. Secor), Mr. J. K. Secor.

3. By George, (Allen Schreve), Mr. Allen Schreve.

Only three started. Scratched: Enon, Ricacho, River Bed.

JOSEPH W. LEWIS MEMORIAL, abt. 3 1-2 mi. over a fair hunting country. For members of a recognized hunt. Trophy to winner. Winner: b. g. (5) by Roman—Sylvan Song, by "Royal Minstrel. Breeder: J. W. Denis.

1. Ricacho, (Mrs. John Burke), Mr. D. M. Smithwick.

2. Gillian, (Capt. J. L. B. Bentley), Mr. G. Stephens.

3. Curist, (Mrs. Paul Fout), Mr. P. Fout.

Seven started, five finished; also ran (order of finish): Mrs. W. S. Jenkins' Kaiser's Rose, Mr. Bill Weatherall; pulled up (after 13th); Mrs. A. A. Baldwin's High Plane, Mr. J. Bosley; ran off course (approaching 6th); Mrs. Norman K. Toerge's Nordame, Mr. Laddie Murray. Scratched: Enon, River Bed.

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Riding in Austria

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berg where we arrived in time for lunch.

In the afternoon our route lay along a mountain valley and, after a short climb, we found our way along the ridge of the mountain range. After riding through thick pine forests to St. Leonhard, the horses were stabled for the night and enjoyed a complete day's rest the following day. After spending the night in Wolfsberg, we were driven over the Packsattal to the Spanish Riding School Stud of Lipizza horses at Fiber. This was one of the most interesting days of the holiday.

Here the grey brood mares and their

dark coloured foals graze the pastures on the Stud Farm and the Lipizzan stallions, as well as half bred English stallions, which are used to improve the breed of farm horses throughout Austria, are kept in the stud. This was originally founded in 1798 as an Army stud. However, by 1853 its object was to produce Lipizzaner stallions for Transylvania, Croatia and Hungary, as well as several other countries. In order to formulate this policy, the stud was presented with a number of stallions and Royal brood mares from the original stud at Lipizza.

Unfortunately, the weather was not as kind as usual to us the next day. This was unfortunate, as the views of the mountains and valleys would have been wonderful if the sun had been shining. The ride took about six hours, and the lorry met us at lunch-time high up in the mountains (about five thousand five hundred feet, the mountain being the Sau-Alpha) for an excellent picnic lunch. The lorry had followed the party during the tour with our baggage, and the Austrian grooms who looked after the horses. After lunch we led the horses for a short distance, as the going was rather steep on this part of the mountain pass. We stayed at Guttaring for the night.

The following day we left this pleasant old town after lunch and arrived at the awe inspiring Hochosterwitz Castle at about five o'clock. The castle was built in the 9th Century and has been in the possession of the present owners, the Khevenhiller family, since the 16th Century. The castle is a historical monument in the true sense of the word and possesses a museum containing many interesting examples of medieval armour and weapons, of which the show piece is an cannon dating from the 14th Century.

The approach to the castle consists of a stony track which wound round and round the hill on which the castle is built. After passing through numerous gate towers and crossing three drawbridges, we reached the yard where grooms in 15th Century uniforms were ready to take over the horses, and a welcome drink was served by attractive Austrian girls in native dress. Each member of the party was given a flower as a button-hole.

Dinner was served in the banqueting hall of the castle. At the conclusion of the evening, led by servants with flaming torches, we walked to the bottom of the hill, where a motor coach was waiting to take us to the hotel at St. Veit for the night.

We arrived back a Klagenfurt the following morning after a four hour ride in warm sunshine. Many of us will remember this ride as it was the last of the holiday and the scenery was beautiful. Snow had fallen on the high mountains the previous evening, which made them look more attractive than ever in the Autumn sunshine. It was no easy matter to say good-bye to the horses which had carried us all so well and proved such good companions during this wonderful holiday.

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In the Country



DINNER AT THE DUNES

Recent visitors to Southern Pines, N. C., where the American steeplechase season opens on St. Patrick's Day, were Mr. and Mrs. David Dallas Odell, owners of the Mapleton Stud, Malvern, Pa. They enjoyed perfect weather during their stay, and ere their departure they hosted some of the steeplechase fraternity to a dinner party at the Dunes Club. Guests included this country's leading 'chase rider, F. D. "Doolley" Adams, and his wife Cynthia. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Daniels of horse show fame, Charles W. Stitzer, secretary of the Stoneybrook Hunt Racing Association, and Chris Wood, Jr., field director of the United Hunts Racing Association. Also, in the party were Miss Joan Walsh and Miss Josephine Wells.

HOST

Ralph Beaver Strassburger will play host to his fellow members of the United Hunts Racing Association during their racing tour of France and England. A group of about 50 will depart from Idlewild on March 17. First stop will be Paris' Auteil race course, where Mr. Strassburger will meet them on Sunday, March 18, the day of a \$13,000 added hurdle test. Later the group will visit his training quarters and stud, where Worden, winner of the D. C. International, is standing. After three days in Paris, the group will go to Aintree for three days of racing which will be concluded with the 113th running of the Grand National.

IN THE FAMILY

Dr. A. C. Randolph, for many years Master of Piedmont Fox Hounds, had a gratifying winner at Bowie (Md.) on opening day. His 3-year-old filly, War News, by Black Gang—Good News, by *Happy Argo, making the first start of her career, won a 6 furlong maiden race by a nose. War News hit the stretch in 6th position in a field of ten, and really turned it on to score a driving victory.

The home-bred War News is out of home-bred mare (Good News out of Tellermoff, by Runantell) which also carried Dr. Randolph's colors to a number of victories. . . . M. T.

FIRST FOAL

"Bluish", that well known steeplechase mare, who with her owner-rider, Austin Brown, in the irons, won many important races, has dropped her first foal (a filly) at the farm of George Webster, her present owner, in Tryon. The sire is "Morocco Bound", owned by Mrs. C. F. Adams. . . . H. H.

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OFFICIAL TRIALS

Approximately 500 people gathered at the "Cotton Patch" on March 3rd to see the warm-up for the official Trials for the Prix des Nations Olympic Team at Tryon, N. C. During the afternoon, nine amateur and three professional riders piloted twenty-seven mounts over a varied course of thirteen jumps with seventeen efforts, designed to test the agility and cleverness of the horse, being approximately 843 yards in length and containing water jumps, triple in-and-outs, oxers and straight up and down fences, as well as an Irish bank.

William Steinkraus on Joe Green's "Belair" and Mrs. Eleanor Well's "Sorrie Sundae;" Hugh Wylie on U. S. E. T.'s "Trail Guide" and Frank Chapot on Mr. Samuel Magid's "On Leave" had outstanding rounds. . . . H. H.

ONE TO WATCH

Dr. and Mrs. R. E. McConnell, Jr.'s young daughter Caryll who should take to horses like a duck to water if she follows in her mother's footsteps, seems to show a marked preference to just "plain ducks in water". This pee-wee, barely two, shows a spirit of adventure unhampered by restraint when it comes to really getting close to the feathered flock. If she garners the blues with the same abandon this will be one to watch. M. T.

*MY WORD

A new stallion has been acquired by the Canadian Hunter and Light Horse Improvement Society. The acquisition *My Word by My Love was loaned to the Society for three years by Ontario sportsman E. P. Taylor. He is now five, a very good looking bay with plenty of size. Hunter Society members hope Mr. Taylor will give permission for *My Word to be shown in the breeding classes of the CNE and Royal Winter Fair. Broadview

0 "A DAY IN THE COUNTRY"

The Radnor Point-to-Point Committee of which Freddy Nicholas is Chairman puts on a terrific day every year beginning with hunter trials for children and adults at 9:30; at 12 the Pair Races begin; 2:30 is paddock time for the ladies race, followed by the heavyweight race and the Radnor Point-to-Point. The whole day costs only a parking fee of \$1.00 per car. Luncheon is served on the grounds by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Malvern Fire Co. and the proceeds go to the Paoli Boys Club. The fact that the proceeds are considerable is the best witness to the day's success.

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GUSTAVUS P. KIRBY

Gustavus P. Kirby died on March 2 at his home in Bedford Hills, N. Y. Mr. Kirby was a prominent and a member of the American Olympics Committee since 1895. He is survived by his daughter Mrs. Thomas M. Waller. . . . M. T.

ENGAGED

Mrs Merriweather Post has announced the engagement of her granddaughter Marjorie Merriweather Durant to Ronald Waller. Miss Durant is the daughter of Mrs. Augustus Riggs IV of Woodbine, Maryland and Mr. Thomas W. Durant of Washington, Conn. Mr. Durant is MFH of the Smithtown Fox Hounds.

BELGRADE C. H. I. O.

The organization of the first Belgrade C. H. I. O. was a great success. Equestrian Competitions took place at the Belgrade Hippodrome where the obstacles were well built, varied and generally well placed. A most interesting fact was the participation of Rumania, Yugoslavia and Hungary, teams that had not been seen since the end of the war.

The public was intrigued by the competitions and their interest was furthered by pari-mutuel betting on the tests.

WASHINGTON STATE NEWS

Miss Diane Black and her mother, took over the Sterling Stables in Seattle on March 1st. The purchase was made from Mrs. Lillian MacLane and Betty, by Mrs. Black's father, Mr. Patton.

A newly organized group of The Flying Horseshoe Riders, at Kirkland, Wash. have named their officers for the ensuing year. Mr. Ralph Melang has been elected president. Other officers include Dr. William Saunders, vice president; Mrs. Jerry Angie, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Jimmy Rainwater, secretary-treasurer, and Jim Miller, parks and trails officer. Norman Curran and Jim Rainwater were elected to the board of directors.

H. C.

0 COUNT GUSTAF FREDRIK VON ROSEN

Count Gustaf Fredrik von Rosen, President of the Swedish Equestrian Federation of the Executive Committee for the 1956 Equestrian Games of the XVIth Olympiad died on January 2, 1956.

Colonel Arne Francke, member of the Bureau of the F. E. I., has been appointed Count von Rosen's successor. Colonel Francke has our good wishes for the success in the arduous task of organizing the 1956 Olympic Equestrian Games.

CHIVALRY?

The Goathland Hounds at the very end of January had two foxes on foot at Ugglebarnby. A good run with one ended at Littlebeck. A farmer, who watched the

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hunt from high ground in his fields, heard them find another fox and fill the valley with music. He waited, watched and listened for about a quarter of an hour, and, as hounds were out of sight and hearing, he turned for home. Passing a gorse-bush he tapped it with his stick, and out came a dog fox which made off for a little way, stopped, started barking, then went to a rising ground, stopped again and barked, its breath coming out like a steam engine as it threw its head in the cold air. Then from the bush came a vixen, which raced toward the dog.

This was about 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Hounds had passed that way an hour before. Do you think the dog fox was worried about the safety of the vixen, and was calling her to join him?

— J. F.B.

PORTRAIT OF NASHUA

W. Smithson Broadhead recently held a showing of his completed portrait of Nashua before the painting was dispatched to New York. Executed under the lovely trees in the paddock at Saratoga, Nashua is painted with "Sunny Jim" Fitzsimmons and Eddie Arcaro. It is considered by those who viewed the painting to be one of his most outstanding. Mr. and Mrs. Broadhead expect to take their long overdue trip abroad in April.

— M. T.

O JUSTIFIABLE "HOMER-CIDE"

Joe Pursglove was hacking Homer, his 17.2 hunter to the meet and as he drew near the fixture he heard the Sewickley Hounds in the hollow beyond. Muttering to himself that the Master must have cast a little early, he and Homer set forth in full pursuit. After quite a gallop down the hollow (expecting every stride to catch the stragglers) he crossed the



(Darling Photo)

(L. to r.): Mrs. Oliver Durant, Beverly Harrison, on Charmaine, the winner of the small Pony Race, at the Rappahannock Point-to-Point, and Capt. J. B. Bentley, owner of the winner.

UH-HUH . . .

Observed recently one snowy Saturday afternoon were two middle aged and somewhat obese gentlemen, obviously suffering no pain, riding double along the main street of our quaint little village of Wayne. It appears that after an hour or so of conviviality at the local club, the owner of the horse convinced his companion that riding double on a horse to his home in the village was preferable to having the little woman come with the car and get him. (P. S. It is rumored that the chill without was a mere bagatelle compared to the atmosphere within.) — V. D.

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HORSESHEOING WORTH \$1,000 MONTHLY NOW

Cornell University is graduating one man a semester from its horseshoeing school. The 16-week extension course in Cornell's veterinary college was dropped in 1920 when the horse age seemed over. It was resumed two years ago.

With an increase of saddle and race horses and the passing of the village blacksmith, farriers are more in demand than college graduates and a skilled man can earn as much as \$1,000 a month.

— L. J. P.

road and out into the meadow below the Hunt Club. What a shock greeted his eyes, the pack had shrunk. He meditated on the night before with emphasis on the old story of pink elephants, et cetera, and here it was before him. It finally dawned upon Uncle Joe that cold December morn, that he had been pursuing a pack of beagles while the foxhounds were running miles away. — C. B.

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HORSE-SHOW SAINT?

Thomas A. Becket, an early archbishop of Canterbury, was murdered in the year 1170. Within two years he was named a saint. His grave became the most famous shrine in Britain, and pilgrims made annual trips to it. It was a band of these devout travelers who

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"The Ford", a Grey Day Subject By Sir Alfred Munnings

Sir Alfred Munnings wrote in his autobiography, Volume I, p. 239;

"On grey days my subject was by the shallow edge of the millstream, where farm horses watered. Seeing the ponies there, drinking started me off afresh. Not satisfied with day work, I began a large evening picture, the sun setting almost opposite. This should have been a work of importance. The water bright gold, with long, striped reflections; the white ponies mauve against the gold, the others in darker mass. Some years later, my first evening picture done there went to Canada for five hundred guineas.

"The grey weather subject I prepared for was "The Ford"—grey water and dark reflections broken by lines of the current. Again what a subject! Those models never ceased making motifs. Standing on rising ground, looking down on the leading ponies coming out of the water, I spaced the design—cutting out the sky—using the distant country for the top portion of the picture. Ponies, water, reflections, filled the rest of the space. I still possess those large five-foot studies. Looking at them now bring back the scene afresh. I hear myself shouting, "Hi! wake that dun horse; shove his head up!" or, to a boy with a pole, "Keep the water moving."

"I wrote of working in isolated, peaceful abandonment. This is true. But one forgets bad happenings. A grey ceiling of cloud—calm, serene—all was well. Then that ceiling would begin to break—silvery fissures appeared, the sun shone! Who is to describe the misery of seeing such complete, relentless transformation of everything? Poor, foolish painter! put your picture away. Though your mind be saturated with it, tear it out by the roots. Take up another canvas rather than give way to despair. But the wrench still hurts. It was comforting to think that when the change came my energies and sigh were again restored by a sunlit subject to fall back on."

Chaucer made immortal in "The Canterbury Tales." When travelling to Canterbury it became traditional to urge one's horse to a slow gallop. This gait was faster than walking, but slower than running. Many miles could be covered in a day, yet a man's mount did not become exhausted. For many generations this pace was called the "Canterbury gallop." Abbreviated in common speech, it emerged into modern English as "Canter."

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